

In support of LD1941

Good afternoon Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and esteemed members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Joel Peralta and I am providing testimony in support of the parole bill, LD1941, an act to support reentry and reintegration into the community. I was brought into Maine State Prison in the same shackles thousands of others were in the past. My time here has been nothing but difficult, from dealing with power hungry correctional officers to wrongfully being charged with in-house charges due to lack of effort from the same CO's that swore to protect us and maintain the safety of the prison, as well as being distant from my family. I feel as if this bill is a second chance to the people that want a better life, that want the American dream, a family, a house and love.

How can we make a difference if nobody is willing to take the first step? This bill not only helps the prison system but also helps the outside community by giving citizens back to the state of Maine through inmates getting parole who will do good things on their release. I hope you consider our thoughts through these papers and take the first step needed to change America. Please vote "ought to pass" on LD1941.

Thank you,

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