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Dear Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Members of the Judiciary Committee,

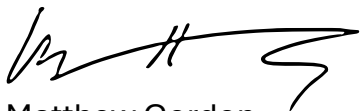
My name is Matthew Gordon, and I am a 42-year-old resident of Kennebunkport. I serve as President of Eastern Lighting Design, an Emmy Award-winning design firm based in Maine, and I am also a residential landlord in Biddeford.

As a landlord, I have had the opportunity to provide safe, clean, and affordable housing for formerly incarcerated individuals. Through this experience, I have seen firsthand that when people are given the appropriate tools and support for success, most will rise to the occasion when offered a meaningful second chance.

I am writing today to express my support for LD 1941 and the effort to reestablish parole in Maine.

Restoring parole would create stronger incentives for treatment, rehabilitation, and education, while supporting more effective and structured reentry. This approach benefits not only incarcerated individuals, but also their families, their communities, and the long-term public safety of Maine as a whole. Passage of this bill would align Maine's laws with those of many other states and help bring our criminal justice system into the 21st century.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. H. S.', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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