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LD 1941

I am writing in support of LD 1941, which would reestablish parole in Maine. This bill offers a thoughtful and balanced approach to earned release.

LD 1941 would address multiple challenges facing our state, including prison overcrowding caused by an aging incarcerated population, a consequence of Maine's long sentences. It would also help alleviate Maine's labor shortage by increasing the number of skilled workers returning to the workforce and making use of existing tax credits that benefit both employers and workers. In addition, restoring parole would help address the racial disparities present in Maine's carceral system.

Parole gives people who have taken responsibility and worked to change a meaningful second chance, while maintaining accountability and prioritizing public safety. It strengthens families, restores communities, and ensures Maine uses its resources wisely.

For these reasons, I urge you to support LD 1941 and vote ought to pass. Thank you for your consideration.