

Testimony in Support of LD 1941 An Act to Implement Recommendations of the Commission to
Examine Reestablishing Parole

To: Co-Chairs Senator Anne Carney and Representative Amy Kuhn and members of the
Committee On Judiciary

From: Adrienne Horne

January 7, 2026

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support and rehabilitative services are what make us safer. As someone who has experienced
interpersonal violence myself, seeing personal transformation makes me feel much safer than
seeing someone imprisoned with no incentive or hope for change. Data has shown that long
sentences are counterproductive since they do not act as a deterrent and cost money that could
be going towards services that can protect us and prevent harm. Other states, including our
neighbors in Vermont, have managed to reduce prison populations by 20% while maintaining a
decline in crime rates. I would like to see parole used as a tool to reduce high costs of
incarceration and reallocate some of the funds to victim, survivor, and reentry services.

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