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Senator Beebe-Center, Representative Salisbury, and members of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee,

Hello my name is Todd Wilson, I am a registered recovery coach and manager at A Hand Up Recovery House, in Lewiston, Maine. At one point my drug use brought me into prisons, jails along with institutions and death. For myself I think having a peer support would have been beneficial for me, but this is not about me.

I am here today to express my support for LD1633. I am in support of this Act to establish a community based re-entry program in all departments of correctional facilities. I'm here to tell you with first-hand experiences from my time here at A Hand Up. Here at A Hand Up, we are re-entry home. A hand Up is a recovery residence created to provide safe housing for those who want to work a serious recovery program, for those who are re-integrating back into society from prison's.

Again, I can only speak from my experiences I can honestly say at least here at A Hand Up, every person that comes here from prison seem like they are ready to live a life of integrity, honesty, humility, patience and understanding. My personal experience, with the residents that have been incarcerated, or that come into our program they have always been a pleasure to be around, very interesting, positive conversations and plenty of smiles

They also seem like they are the first ones to volunteer and give back to the community like we have done in the past at our local church, Trinity, in Lewiston.

I also have recoveries here at the house, have been responsible for saving lives and reversing deaths in the community. They were also incarcerated prior to coming to A Hand Up. So with my experience and with everything I've seen it's been nothing but a benefit to have people come to the house out of Prisons. It really does seem like the recoveries out of prison already have a firm foundation, when they come here they already want to work a Serious Program achieve sobriety and be of service in our community.

In conclusion I am for LD 1633, I am for the reintegration of prisoners in all Department of Corrections facilities. It's a benefit to society, our community, and a benefit to the sober house. Recoveries out of prison deserve A Hand Up, in life and support with not just peer support or recovery coaches but support of a family, that they will surely make with their recovery family.

Sincerely,
Todd A. Wilson