

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

Tia Wright
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My name is Tia Wright and I am a lifelong resident of Oxford County, Maine. I am a 40 year old single mom of 2 beautiful kids. I am also a person in long term recovery. During my addiction I made poor decisions. Decisions that landed me in jail, and as embarrassing as it was then, it has no reach on the embarrassment, and shame I have today, now that I have done everything in my power to better my life for me, my kids, and my community. My life today is 100% different than it was in active addiction. I have been sober since February 9th 2023. I have accomplished a lot since then. I have custody of my children, I'm a homeowner, I volunteer, and more importantly I'm an active part in my community, I have a full time job as a certified peer support specialist for The HILLS Recovery Center, where I help people in active addiction find there path to life they deserve. During my own recovery journey I realised how much of a struggle it was to aquire nessasary thing due to background checks. Things like jobs, and housing.

Now, being a peer support specialist I work with so many people who face that same struggle. It's hard to do and watch someone overcome the fight of there lives, just to struggle yet another battle... being turned down job opportunities, and housing, and so much more, due to poor decisions in addiction, long ago.

Not only is it difficult for me to have hope about the future, but its difficult to instill it into others when there poor choices from addiction in the past still follows them today. When does the sentance stop?

From my personal experience... it dont stop. It follows you no matter how long, or how big of obsticles you have overcome.

I am writing this to show my support of LD 1911, and I beg you to do the same. Its not about second chances, its giving oppertunity back to those who already faught to change there life in better ways.