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Clean Slate Bill
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My Name is Darlene Berg, I am incarcerated in the State of Maine and I will be preparing to re-enter Society Within the Next 12 yrs. I am writing in strong Support of the Clean Slate Bill.

Maine has made important strides in Justice Reform by recognizing that Accountability must be paired with Rehabilitation and Re-Entry Readiness.

The Maine Model reflects an understanding that public safety is strengthened when people are given the correct tools and opportunities to succeed after incarceration.

My own experience reflects this approach. During my incarceration I have taken responsibility for my past and have worked relentlessly toward personal growth, education and preparation for productive return to the community.

The Clean Plate Bill offers a measure: Evidence Based Response.
It does not erase accountability.

Instead it provides relief only after a substantiated period of law-abiding behavior and only for eligible offenders. This approach respects the role of the Courts; supports judicial growth rather than imposing lifelong consequences that were never intended as part of a sentence.

I respectfully urge the Judiciary Comm. to support the Clean Plate Bill. The legislature reflects fairness proportionately and Marcus Centurion leadership in justice reform. It affirms the accountability and redemption can and should exist together within a strong and effective justice system.

Thank you for your time.

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