

Testimony in Support of LD 178

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Senator Beebe-Center, Representative Salisbury, and members of the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety: My name is Cushman Anthony and I live in Yarmouth. I am a Quaker and am a retired lawyer and mediator. I was a member of the House of Representatives from 1986 to 1992, and was House Chair of the Select Committee on Corrections during the 115th Legislature.

I wish to add my name to others who will present testimony in support of this bill, which will bring back a carefully structured form of parole. In my experience that has been badly needed in this state for a long time. I defer to others who will present the statistics and research findings that have been gathered in support of this.

I urge passage of this modest proposal to improve our state's corrections system.

Thank you.