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Dear Members of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety
Committee,

I'm Richard Stahursky and I was given a life sentence in Maine which is 9999 years. I'm writing this to you today not asking that you overlook the crime that I've committed but instead to ask that you give me another chance to right some of the wrongs I've done. How I plan on doing so is by working with young people out there to prevent them from making all of the same mistakes and bad choices I've made in my life. Given the chance I will show you and the community that there's more to me than bad headlines and bad choices. I don't just want to do this, I need to do this for myself, my family, my kids, my niece and for those in the legal system who think that I will never be able to change or do good things in the community. Those who know me know that I'm a natural leader and I can make a big difference. I've been in prison now for 21 years and in that time I've seen many people, even those convicted as sex offenders, being given chance after chance and going out in the community where they repeat the same mistakes over and over again and never learn from their errors. I'm not here to ask for a chance after chance, I'm only asking for one chance. I've learned so much being incarcerated, I have so much to share, to teach and to prevent others from becoming incarcerated. I'm not the same young kid who thought he had the answers to everything when I first walked through these gates in 2002. Please allow me another chance to help others as well as myself. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

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