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I am a professor of Forensic Psychology and Criminal Justice at Thomas College. Previously I have worked as a forensic psychologist in the North Carolina Department of Corrections. I saw firsthand the issue faced by those trying to reintegrate into society after being incarcerated. Any form of support that we can provide to these individuals is beneficial. I am very impressed by the format described in LD 1633 in terms of having a team comprised of reintegration specialists as well as peer support. Having a plan established and resources identified before one leaves prison will be very helpful in a successful reintegration. This program should be effective in reducing recidivism. I strongly support this bill as an important step in not only reintegration but also crime prevention.