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My name is Barbara Baker and I live in Bradley Maine. I testify in support of this bill because I have seen the positive outcomes in families of incarcerated youth and adults who take part in the programs referenced in this bill. Much like we say the whole family serves when a person is in the military, this happens also with families of incarcerated youth and adults. The longer people are part of reentry programs the better prosocial behaviors are likely to be gained and positive ripple effects move through the families as well. But they must begin by having access to such educational, vocational, or prosocial behavior reentry programs and have access to visiting which should also be considered a reentry program as well.

Please consider this when deciding to support this bill.

Two helpful references are:

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2. 2018 POSITIVE YOUTH OUTCOMES In Maine's Juvenile Justice System by the USM Muskie School,  
[https://www.maine.gov/future/sites/maine.gov.corrections/files/inline-files/2018PYD-report-1zsephl\\_0.pdf](https://www.maine.gov/future/sites/maine.gov.corrections/files/inline-files/2018PYD-report-1zsephl_0.pdf)