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LD 1941

My name is Andrew Freeman, I am originally from Otisfield but I have been incarcerated since December 25, 2011. I currently reside in Maine State Prison in Warren. Under the current system I am not scheduled for release until approximately 2041. I am writing to you today in strong support of LD1941. I am not the same person I was when I entered the system 14 years ago. I have worked on improving myself every day over the years since I've been here. I have a great job in property, it's located at the front of the facility. I take care of people coming into the facility for the first time, as well as assist people leaving here going to a minimum facility or going home. I have also taken advantage of an opportunity to further my education and am currently a sophomore in college going for my Bachelor's Degree in Mental Health and Human Services with a minor in Art. I look forward to assisting the community upon release during an ongoing mental health crisis. While employed here I recognized a gap in accommodation services and have reached out to GoodWill in order to create a partnership with them and help the men who are going home right from MSP, with appropriate clothing and footwear. I invited them for a tour of our facility and they will be here on January 16. I have come a long way from the kid I was when I first got here to the man I am now. Without parole, the progress I have made remains confined. Parole would allow me a transition back into the community, the ability to show the world my accomplishments and prove my worth to society. It allows me to spread love and help to people in need, something that is truly lacking in our society today. Parole also allows me to reunite with my family and friends. More than anything it would allow me to start a family with my wonderful fiancée. Something I've always dreamed of doing.