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LD 1941

Testimony in support of LD 1941 to the Committee On Judiciary
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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and Honorable Members of the Joint Standing Committee On Judiciary,

My name is Tia Lavigne and I reside in Buxton. I am writing in support of LD1941, An Act to Implement Recommendations of the Commission to Examine Reestablishing Parole.

I am someone who is directly affected by my poor choices and I ended up receiving a class c felony conviction will an act of addiction. I'm currently now almost 2 years clean and trying to become a better productive member of society, and my felony conviction is making it very difficult for me to want to further my life on the right path. I'm currently on supervised Federal release and I've turned my life around. I received this conviction when I was 24 years old and I I'm aware that my actions were not appropriate, and not the same time I feel that as I've turned my life around that with this felony conviction it's making it easier to want to go back to my old way of life it is very difficult to live a productive life when I can't get employment because they see the conviction and they see that felon and they automatically label me as a criminal and yes at the time of the indictment I was but it is possible for people to change and I feel that with this being passed into legislation this will give people the chance to become productive members of society again without the weight of that conviction looming over us.