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LD 1941: LD 1941 - An Act to Implement Recommendations of the Commission to Examine  
Reestablishing Parole

Good Afternoon Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and honorable members of the Judiciary Committee,

I, Rafael Zahriveh #166038, am providing testimony in support of LD194, an act to support reentry and reintegration into the community. Before prison, my mother and father were in prison. When my father was incarcerated I didn't have that father figure and my behavior went left. Since then I've made mistakes in my life and now I'm in prison and I've left two kids of my own and my baby-mother on their own. They no longer have their father around to help and support them and the distance is hurting everyone and impacting all our lives because of my mistakes.

I've gotten three certificates for drug abuse because of my addiction. I help others on their drug abuse by just talking and hearing them out. I'm more focused on being a father and provider and becoming a member of my community by helping others with their struggles. So, parole will help and benefit so people have another chance to be a better father and better person in the community and another chance to change for themselves, their kids, friends and community.

Thank you for listening and helping,

Have a wonderful day,

Rafael Zahriveh