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Dear Chairwoman McEntee and Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

My name is Brandon Robinson, and I am a resident of Providence, Rhode Island. I write in support of House Bill H-7205, sponsored by Representatives Casimiro, Shallcross Smith, Alzate, Stewart, Craven, McEntee, Giraldo, Donovan, Spears, and Sanchez.

This bill creates a pathway for individuals serving sentences to petition for reconsideration. It acknowledges that people grow and change over time and that our justice system should allow for review when appropriate.

This is about ensuring that sentences remain fair, proportional, and responsive to rehabilitation—not eliminating accountability.

From my perspective, through my work in justice reform and reentry, I have seen individuals who have taken full accountability for their actions and demonstrated significant personal growth while incarcerated—engaging in education, mentoring others, and preparing to return to their communities. Yet, our current system often lacks a meaningful mechanism to recognize that transformation. When we ignore evidence of change, we undermine the very idea of rehabilitation.

This bill introduces a balanced approach. It does not guarantee release—it creates an opportunity for review. That distinction is critical. It allows the system to consider who a person is today, not just who they were at the time of sentencing.

A justice system that can reassess, reflect, and respond to growth is a stronger and more credible system. It reinforces accountability while also recognizing human capacity for change.

I respectfully urge your support for House Bill H-7205.

Sincerely,

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