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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-8275, sponsored by Representatives Felix, Potter, Cruz, Batista, Sanchez, Kazarian, Kislak, Stewart, Alzate, and Handy.

This bill establishes oversight of restrictive housing, including solitary confinement. Transparency and accountability are essential to ensure these practices are used appropriately and humanely.

Oversight helps protect both safety and human dignity within correctional systems.

This matters to me because, through my work in justice reform and engagement with impacted communities, I have seen the lasting psychological and emotional harm that can come from prolonged isolation. Practices like restrictive confinement, when used without clear standards or oversight, can undermine rehabilitation, destabilize individuals, and create long-term challenges for successful reentry.

A system that operates without transparency risks losing both effectiveness and public trust. This bill introduces a necessary layer of accountability—ensuring that restrictive housing is used only when appropriate, for the shortest time necessary, and with proper safeguards in place.

From both a human and systems perspective, oversight strengthens the integrity of our correctional system. It affirms that safety and dignity are not competing values—they are interconnected. When we uphold both, we create better outcomes for individuals, staff, and communities.

I respectfully urge your support for House Bill H-8275.

Sincerely,  
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