



The RI **FREEDOM** Collective

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF BILL S2731

SENTENCING RECONSIDERATION ACT

March 9, 2026

Dear Chairperson LaMountain and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

On behalf of the Rhode Island Freedom Collective we respectfully submit this testimony in strong support of S2731 currently scheduled for a hearing on March 10, 2026 before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The RI Senate bill S2731, known as the Sentencing Reconsideration Act or the Second Look Resentencing Bill, is a crucial step toward a more just and equitable criminal justice system. This legislation recognizes that people can change and that long sentences should not be a barrier to rehabilitation and reintegration into society. By allowing courts to review and reconsider excessive sentences, the bill provides hope and a second chance for those who have demonstrated genuine growth and remorse, while also promoting public safety and responsible use of correctional resources. Importantly, by reducing unnecessary incarceration, the bill can generate significant cost savings for the state over the years, ensuring that taxpayer dollars are allocated more effectively and supporting investments in community programs that further strengthen public safety.

For these reasons we respectfully urge you to move this bill to the floor for a vote.

Thank you for your time, your public service and your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

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