

I urge the passage of this bill for the benefit of the inmate and their family waiting for their release. In these precarious times, there is no reasonable certainty that inmates and their families can be reunited this side of eternity. Families are the backbone of our country and need to be supported. With programs in place in our prisons to train, equip, and strengthen the inmate to make wise choices after release, it seems prudent for inmates to have a positive goal to strive for. Knowing the time they serve may be reduced for positive behavior and participation in certain programs while incarcerated should boost their own self-esteem. Thank you.