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On Behalf Of: Jessica Foust

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Measure: Support SB 579, Guaranteeing the Right to Vote

TO: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

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RE: TO PROVIDE TESTIMONY TO LEGISLATURE AND TO SHARE MY ~~PRO~~ PERSPECTIVE.

MY NAME IS JESSICA FOUST

I HAVE NEVER VOTED IN THE PAST BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN IN PRISON SINCE MY YOUTH, AND I HAVE NEVER BEEN AFFORDED THE OPPORTUNITY.

I WHOLE HEARTEDLY SUPPORT THIS LEGISLATION AND HOPE THAT YOU WILL STAND ON THE SIDE OF PROGRESSION.

IF I HAD THE RIGHT TO VOTE IT WOULD MEAN YOU ARE AFFORDING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE A CONTRIBUTING MEMBER NOT JUST TO MY COMMUNITY BUT TO MY COUNTRY.

VOTING MATTERS TO ME BECAUSE I HAVE A VOICE. I HAVE A WANT TO SEE MY COUNTRY PROSPER AND FLORISH.

IF I WERE ABLE TO VOTE RIGHT NOW IT WOULD MEAN MY VOICE MATTERS AND THAT I'M NOT JUST SOME REJECT IN THE EYES OF MY STATE AND LEGISLATURES.

I HAVE HAD MY RIGHTS TAKEN FROM ME. EVERYDAY I AM TOLD WHEN TO EAT, WHEN TO SLEEP, WHEN TO SIT AND WHEN TO STAND I AM TOLD WHEN TO SPEAK AND WHEN TO BE SILENT. "PRISON IS DEHUMANIZING".

BY YOU GIVING PRISONERS THE RIGHT TO VOTE, YOU WILL BRING BACK A PIECE OF HUMANITY TO THE MEN AND WOMEN THAT ARE INCARCERATED.

THIS IS A STEP FORWARD IN ~~PR~~ BRINGING REHABILITATION TO THE PRISONS POPULATION.

THE OLD WAYS DONT WORK, SO WE HAVE TO CHANGE "TOGETHER" AND FIX THIS BROKEN SYSTEM.

BY RESTORING OUR RIGHT TO VOTE YOU ARE MOVING THIS STATE IN THE DIRECTION OF PROGRESS AND GIVING US ALL HOPE FOR A BETTER FUTURE.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS OPERTUNITY TO HAVE MY VOICE HEARD.

RESPECTFULLY: 

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