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Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means
Measure: Support SB 579, Guaranteeing the Right to Vote

Responses:

1. Have you voted in the past? If not, what kept you from voting in past elections?

A. No, I have not voted in the past. This is because I was locked up at 16 years old. I was not old enough to vote and then I was locked up.

2. Do you support this legislation?

A. Yes, I do. I have a voice and a right to choose who represents me in office.

3. What would it mean to you to be able to vote in prison?

A. It would my voice matters. Prison or no prison I am still an American citizen and live in the great U.S.A.

4. Why does voting matter to you?

A. Voting matters to me because I live here I am affected by the choices made by those in office. They are in office to govern and represent us. I have a right to have a say in who that is.

5. What would it mean to you to be able to vote right now?

A. It would mean I have finally been given an opportunity to exercise my right as a U.S. citizen. It would mean my voice has gained a world stage. It would mean I would finally have a right to voice an opinion. I would finally have a voice!

6. If you could tell the ~~legislature~~^{legislature} something, what would you tell them?

A. How can I support a system that constantly fails its citizens and I am unfamiliar with.

Hello, my name is Christopher Brandon Bickford. I love the U.S.A. I don't think we are the greatest country on Earth. I think we could be. If we lived up to our potential.