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Re: Community reentry/Driving privileges House file 4571 Reintegration License

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Dear Chair Representative Hornstein and Committee Members,

I am Kendall Hughes, Chair of Three Rivers Restorative Justice and a retired Federal Prison Chaplain. Most of my career for the past 25 years has centered around helping men prepare and reenter society as law abiding citizens.

Many of the men returning home from the Federal Prisons where I served had been incarcerated for a decade or more. The process of reintegrating was daunting and complicated already. Adding to that the difficulties of obtaining a drivers license, delayed their ability to gain employment, help aging parents or other important tasks.

This is frustration is almost universal for the men that I mentor as they return home. When they have exhausted all they can do, they may choose to drive un-licensed. In order to have successful transition from incarceration back into community, and to give men and women seeking to turn a new page in their lives, I am in favor of the legislation and support of the Reintegration License Legislation House file 4571.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kendall Hughes

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