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RE: Reintegration Drivers License House File 503

Chair Hornstein and members of the Committee,

I am writing this letter in support of establishing reintegration driver's license for individuals being released from prison. House File 503/Senate File 577. Section 1. [171.301] REINTEGRATION LICENSE. In my 24 years as a correctional services chaplain for the Salvation Army, I have witnessed the extreme disadvantage of not having a driver's license for those being released from prisons.

A driver's license gives a person a chance to reestablish themselves back into society. It is necessary for finding housing, jobs, banking, and many other things for living a productive life. Many individuals end up recidivating due to not having proper forms of ID that are necessary for these basic needs. A driver's license will go a long way towards reducing barriers to a successful re-entry back into society.

I hope you will find this to be necessary legislation and pass this bill.

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