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Members of the MN State Legislature,

I am in full support of this bill for restorative justice. I live in small town, MN where everyone knows each other. Living in a small town can create barriers and obstacles for a Dakota woman in fresh recovery, just coming out of prison, minimum support and in beginning stages of building that solid sober foundation.

Re-entering into an environment that needs total change can be lonely at first. Having to re-create a new space to allow connection, and growth in early recovery is key. Restorative Justice has been that support through all my huge, small, life changing moments, they have been by my side and has been a constant support for 6+ years now. I'm grateful for Restorative Justice and I hope this bill passes so that current and future participants can keep utilizing this program.

Sincerely,

Tracy Wilson