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Opening Statement to Judiciary Committee.

Good morning Chairman Lawlor, Chairman McDonald and members of the Judiciary Committee

I express my most sincere and humble appreciation to all of you for allowing me to be here today in front of you and to Governor Rell for nominating me to be a part-time member of the Board of Pardons and Paroles, specifically assigned to the parole release panels.

I stand here in front of you with twenty-four years of experience with the Connecticut Department of Corrections. I began my career as a Corrections Officer and promoted through the ranks to Warden and North District Administrator. I took advantage of every training opportunities offered by the State, Department of Corrections and National Institute of Corrections.

As Warden at four prisons and two county jails, I reviewed, approved or denied community release for offenders always with Public Safety in mind. As North District Administrators, I provided oversight for eight prisons and one county jail. Part of my many responsibilities were to review uphold or deny offender Community Release denials by Wardens.

As part-time Paroles Panel member for approximately eight months, I've applied and shared my experience with other panel members. Reintegrating an offender into the Community without jeopardizing Public Safety is paramount.

I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.