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Judiciary Committee
Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106-1591

Dear Judiciary Committee,

My name is Pastor Brigitte Brown, and I reside at 214 Hart Street New Britain, CT 06052. I am a Pastor; Social Worker; Community Organizer; member of the Student Governance Council of Smalley Academy and the chairperson of the North-Oak Neighborhood Revitalization Zone.

The purpose of this letter is to ask if you can help with my efforts in supporting the Raised S. B. No. 1151 Act concerning Pardons bill. It was introduced by the Judiciary Committee. As you can see, I am very involved in my community and the surrounding cities. I also advocate, and come across all types of people, who are affected by the current criminal justice laws. This bill is exactly what is needed for those individuals who have not been involved in any criminal activity within 3 years or longer; But who are still being affected by their poor past choices, and have been unable to gain employment or be productive residents of New Britain. It seems as though ex-offenders are completing their time for whatever crime they committed, and then are also being restricted and suffer the consequences by employers, for whatever their poor decisions were, in the past. Our current state policies contribute to these systematic boundaries, which prohibit them from moving forward. I believe that people can change, and stay changed, when they are presented with other options and supports to keep them on that right path.

I appreciate all your help, and I hope that you will pass the bill, which will allow this population of individuals to join the workforce and assist in making this state better!

Thank you for your time and considering my request. I can be directly reached at 860-770-2495 or rhabri@yahoo.com

Sincerely,

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