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Testimony for the Judiciary Committee

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Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I'm testifying in support of the following:

S.B. No. 123 (COMM) AN ACT REPEALING THE RISK REDUCTION CREDIT PROGRAM.

This program might not go far enough. I read the bill, reread it, and think it can be simpler.

"if you committed a violent crime, you do the time – period!!!"

Where is justice served when we have weak minimum sentencing guidelines?  
Many of those guidelines simply don't demand that a perpetrator does enough time in the first place!

We have far too many names of victims of this crime bill. I'd use up my three minutes of testimony with just their names, it's that disheartening.

I'd allow for certain exemptions like mental health if time is served in a hospital or some sort. I do believe in temporary insanity for certain reasons. But those instances are EXTREMELY RARE.

**The legislation this bill replaces me angers me as a gun owner.**

I remember when the original legislation was presented as a cost saving measure.

I was FURIOUS that I have to defend my rights as a law abiding gun owner and our governor and legislature would pass a bill letting violent offenders out early.

I repeat:

**Law abiding citizens, more rules. VIOLENT CRIMINALS, early release.**

To save a few bucks? We actually wasted money all over the place in state government. Put money in a general fund and spend it like crazy on ridiculous projects like the New Britain to Hartford busway to nowhere. I know that's federal as well, but it's just insane.

I do have a suggestion since there is plenty of unused real estate along the way. Make the busway an express route with a court on one end and a massive prison on the other end – then at least we know there will be plenty of patrons!

Enhancements to pet projects so our some people can have a legacy at our expense is deplorable.

I urge you to support this bill and prevent any more violent crime at the expense of saving a few bucks.