

Dear Senators and members of the committee.

I am writing you today to oppose SB 571.

A modern society cannot function without accountability, we are fighting for a more fair and accountable criminal justice system and removing punishments from those who are convicted of crimes is against accountability at its core.

The laws of our society are created and passed by the elected officials who act as agents of the people, citizens who commit crimes actively push back on these laws we all abide by.

Removing punishment and accountability has not been shown to change human behavior, I would support voting rights for felons being restored after their sentence has been served, subject is off parole/probation and all fines are paid. Once that debt to society is paid back, they have been held accountable for their actions and should have their voting rights restored. Not before.

Please reject SB 571