

Submitter: Mary Pierce

On Behalf Of:

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My name is Mary Pierce. I spent close to 10 years at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility. During my incarceration they were so many Presidential Elections that I sat in front of the TV Faithfully each election to know what the people voted for. I always had conversations with family and friends about the issues on the ballot. The leaders of our Country and our State affect us ALL incarcerated and in the Free world. I was returning to a world that I feel my vote mattered. I* vote now. I am a president of a Residential Council in an assisted living facility, I make sure that everyone is notified of the meeting as it is a chance to HAVE THEIR VOICES HEARD and THE CHANCE TO VOTE ON WHAT AFFECTS THEIR LIVES. That is the same as being incarcerated voting gives everyone a chance to have their voices heard on issues and leaders that affect their lives.

Giving incarcerated individuals the right to have their voices heard would mean that we still matter!! Please pass this Senate Bill.

Sincerely Mary Pierce