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**RE: H1171 An Act relative to ensuring quality mental health services in state correctional facilities**  
**DT: 13 October 2015**

Dear Honorable Chairs and Members of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary,

Thank you for hearing *H1171, An Act relative to ensuring quality mental health services in state correctional facilities* before your committee on October 14<sup>th</sup>.

This bill would direct the Department of Mental Health to oversee, approve, and review mental health services provided to those in the custody of the Department of Corrections. The bill would also require an audit of the Department of Corrections every six months to ensure compliance.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this bill. I respectfully request that *H1171, An Act relative to ensuring quality mental health services in state correctional facilities* be released favorably and expeditiously from your committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Heroux".

Paul Heroux