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> H1170 An Act providing for enhancing public safety by reforming the Parole Board RE:

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

Thank you for hearing H1170, An Act providing for enhancing public safety by reforming the Parole Board services before your committee on October 14th.

This bill reforms the parole board in two ways. First, it increases the size of the parole board by adding new members, from seven to nine members. The bill would also require that three of these members have a degree in psychiatry, psychology, social work, or sociology. This would ensure diversity in the board.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this bill. I respectfully request that H1170, An Act providing for enhancing public safety by reforming the Parole Board be released favorably and expeditiously from your committee.

Sincerely,

Paul Heroux