

LATE TESTIMONY

To: JDL Committee Chairs and Committee Members

From: Dr. Susan Jaworowski

Re: S.B. 145, RELATING TO WRONGFUL IMPRISONMENT

I am writing in strong support for this bill. The majority of state provide for some level of compensation for people whose lives and careers have been stripped from them due to an error in the criminal justice system. These exonerees come out with even less than they went in with, as they have lost time with their families, experience they would have learned on the job, and life skills. There is very little hope that they can make their way to the same place in life they would have had if they had not been unjustly convicted. As a society, we need to help make amends for the loss imposed on them by the criminal justice system, and to help them become productive citizens.

Remember that these people have been wrongfully convicted and should not have had their lives disrupted at all. Money and immediate services (housing, job assistance, food) is not going to put them back to where they would have been, but it is a significant benefit and one that they both need and are entitled to. Please join the majority of states and the federal government in recognizing that this is a debt that society owes and pass the redress law for people wrongfully convicted and imprisoned.

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