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June 27, 2014

Dear Chairwoman MacDonald and Members of the Law and Justice Interim Committee:

My name is Patricia Swan-Smith, and I^{am} here on behalf of Friends and Families Matter.

We strongly support the findings and proposals presented in the final report of the Statewide Re-Entry Task Force. We believe full implementation of these proposals will reduce recidivism and make our communities safer.

We fervently hope that you will support any statutory changes and funding needed for the Department of Corrections to accomplish these goals. We stand ready to be a partner with DOC to help develop a powerful reentry program that will reduce probation and parole violations and lower the risk of reoffending.

Sincerely,


Patricia Swan-Smith

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Exhibit 7