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Senator Jamie Eldridge, Chair Chair Representative Claire Cronin

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**In Strong Support of S.826/H.3358, An Act to Reduce Mass Incarceration**

Chairperson Eldridge, Chairperson Cronin and members of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary:

My name is [your name], and I live in [town/city]. I am submitting my testimony today in strong support of S.826/H.3358, and ask that you favorably report it out of committee.

S.826/H.3358 would offer hope to the 1,000+ individuals who are currently incarcerated on the sentence of life without parole in Massachusetts, including [the name of your loved one], who is my [your connection to them – brother, friend, etc].

[In this paragraph you can share the importance of your loved one to you, your family, your community and why they deserve an opportunity for parole – what programs they have completed, how they are important to their communities, etc.]

[If you or your family has also been victims/survivors of violence – either fatal or not, you can share that and how you have a nuanced view of incarceration]

Thank you for your consideration of S.826/H.3358. I urge you to support it and favorably report it out of Committee. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

[your name]

[your address]