

## Testimony in Support of the Second Look Act

Honorable Members of the Committee,

My name is James Randles from the Goucher Prison Education Program. I stand before you today to speak favorably on the Second Look Act HB873, which seeks to allow for resentencing by a judge with legal representation and consideration for rehabilitation. I have served eight and a half years in prison, and during this time, I have dedicated myself to personal growth and rehabilitation.

Throughout my incarceration, I have earned 92 credits from Goucher College, demonstrating my commitment to higher education and intellectual development. Additionally, I have obtained nine ASE certifications, which have equipped me with valuable skills in automotive service excellence. My pursuit of Graphic Arts certificates has allowed me to explore my creativity and develop a new passion. Furthermore, I have completed numerous self-development courses, all of which have contributed to my transformation and readiness to reintegrate into society.

The Second Look Act recognizes the potential for change and rehabilitation in individuals who have served significant time in prison. It provides an opportunity for a judge to reassess sentences, taking into account the progress and efforts made by individuals like myself. This Act is not just about second chances; it is about acknowledging the human capacity for growth and the importance of rehabilitation in our justice system.

I stand before you as a testament to the power of education, skill development, and personal growth. I urge you to support the Second Look Act, as it offers a fair and just opportunity for individuals who have demonstrated their commitment to change. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

James Randles III