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## House Bill 1110 - Election Law – Individuals Released From State Correctional Facilities – Automatic Restoration of Voter Registration

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to present **House Bill 1110, Election Law—Individuals Released From State Correctional Facilities—Automatic Restoration of Voter Registration.** This bill will require the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to electronically transmit the names and new residential addresses of eligible returning citizens released from correctional facilities to the State Board of Elections. Once the State Board of Elections receives the names of the eligible returning citizens, it will be able to identify previously registered voters and automatically reactivate the voter registration for these newly released individuals.

Eligible returning citizens should not face barriers when registering to vote. With House Bill 1100, s will be automatically re-registered to vote after their release.

House Bill 1110 would bridge the voter registration gap for eligible returning citizens. I urge the committee to give a **favorable report** for **House Bill 1110 - Election Law – Individuals Released From State Correctional Facilities – Automatic Restoration of Voter Registration.** 

Sincerely,

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