

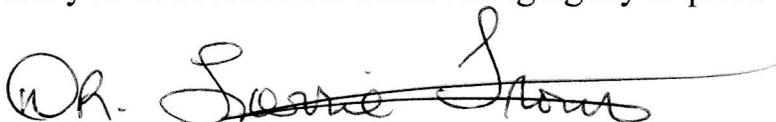
Dear Madam Chair Warren;

My name is Dr. Lorrie Trout and I am submitting this Written Testimony on behalf of the many offenders that face daily struggles of overcoming their past. I am the Exec. Director and Founder of GROW – Grace Restores Overcoming Women. We are a Faith Based/Not-For Profit that provide transitional housing for women leaving incarceration. I am very appreciative of HB2031 and SB8 being introduced in Session but I am asking that these Bills would be extended not only to those incarcerated but those that have been released from incarceration. Increasing good time and Program credits for certain offenders is an awesome step forward but I am asking that those that have already been released from incarceration be included in this Bill by reducing Registry time and Life time Parole for those on the Sex Offender Registry and or Drug Registry.

My story is that at age 52, I was a foster mom that crossed the boundaries and had a relationship with my 16 year old foster son. It was something I never could have imagined to happen and I truly regret it. I took a plea of 30 days shock time and 3 years' Probation; which could have been 5 years prison time. I have completed my sentencing which all occurred 8 years ago; but I have to register as a Sex Offender (S.O.) for 25 years. My story is quite similar to many others on the Sex Offender or Drug Registry in that we committed a one-time charge that in some cases have landed a Life-Time Registry. All S.O.'s are lumped into one basket and there truly needs to be change. Every State has their own Statues in which offenders can petition relief after completing sentencing of Probation/Parole with no other sex offense convictions or felonies. This allows a reduction of years on the Registry or a Transition to Diversion. These individuals are currently reporting to their Parole Officer in most cases on a monthly basis or as requested so there is no increase in the Parole Officer's Caseload. One bad choice should not cost a person a lifetime of collateral damage i.e. housing, family, and employment.

I support HB2031 & SB8 and I ask that as you consider Increasing good time and Program Credits for those incarcerated PLEASE consider revising the Registry for offenders that have already been released by reducing Registry good time or Relief from Registry by transitioning from Registry to Diversion.

Thank you in advance for acknowledging my request.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dr. Lorrie Trout". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.