

I respectfully ask that you support HB1104. My great nephew, Zach Schmidkunz, was very young when incarcerated in the North Dakota State Penitentiary. If required to serve 85% of his sentence he will serve another 8 years. If HB1104 is implemented he would need to serve another 2 years. Zach and many others who were so young when convicted could have additional years to be active, contributing members of society should HB1104 be passed. Zach has been a model prisoner as have many others currently serving long sentences for crimes committed many years ago. They are not the same people they were then. HB1104 would redeem them and return them to society. Thank you for reading my testimony. – Cheryl L. Cutsforth