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Hi, Sue. I will be out of state on Wednesday, or I would appear to deliver this in person. Would you be so kind as to post this to the iPads of committee members? Thanks.

With respect to H.617 and H.623, please note:

- Based on **overwhelming evidence that criminal behavior decreases sharply with age**, the national ACLU proposed model legislation for **increasing parole eligibility** for older, low-risk inmates. This is reflected in Sec. 1 of S.207.
- As a result of the U.S. Dept. of Justice's inspector general's issuing "a piercing report o the BOP's [Bureau of Prisons] mismanagement of **compassionate release** cases" in 2013, the DOJ indicated it would revamp its policies so more federal inmates would qualify for compassionate release. This also is echoed in Sec. 1.
- Vermont is one of four states in the U.S. that ships men out of state to private, for-profit prisons, to alleviate prison overcrowding. Idaho has been another. Idaho will be bringing back its remaining 173 out-of-state prisoners within the next two months. According to the CSG Justice Center report of 2/10/16, they are able to do this because **releases to parole doubled** in the past year. Vermont could do the same, with the passage of Sec. 2 of S.207.

Thank you.

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