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Good Evening Representative Emmons,

I apologize that I had to leave the zoom and missed joining the committee's discussion today on the compassionate release section. I just wanted to clarify with you that we did not testify in support of this section in the Senate. We did provide testimony in support of S. 338 generally and of many sections of this bill, but not this section specifically. We remain concerned about this provision and the impact that it would have on victims. I would be happy to rejoin the committee whenever you have the opportunity to take this up again.

In listening in today, I also heard Monica Weeber's new concern about the impact that the notification process of earned good time would have on victims. I am grateful that she noticed and raised this concern and we agree that this could be very problematic. I will send an email to the working group you put together to look at this issue but I wanted to offer to you that I could come in to speak to this as well.

Many thanks,

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