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Last night the House passed SB 1008 - Juvenile Justice Reform. Justice reform has been my passion for many years, and I am so pleased that we got this bill across the finish line. I believe in working to ensure fairness in our system for all. I believe in that youth offenders deserve a second chance. I believe that we all need hope and a chance for redemption. We need a public safety system that holds youth accountable for crimes, but just as importantly ensures they can grow and change for the better. The fundamental question is how we treat our young people – they are our future.

I want to thank my colleagues in the House and in the Senate for supporting this historic piece of legislation. Thank you, Representative Jennifer Williamson for carrying this bill and to those who stood up and shared their personal stories as they considered the merits of this important legislation. I am so grateful to everyone who worked so hard for the last two years to help craft this bill. To my community members who see a value in our young people and have been willing to invest time, effort, and even their own money to give encouragement to deserving youth.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart,