

**Senate Judiciary Committee**  
**S.18 Earned Time**  
**Chris Fenno, Executive Director**  
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As a follow up to my previous testimony on S.18, I would like to add some comments as a result of committee discussion which occurred yesterday.

The Center for Crime Victim Services is in support of the Committee moving forward with earned time applying to non-violent offenders who will be sentenced after the effective date of this bill. We appreciate your recognition of the concerns of victims regarding notification/preparedness of the potential of their offenders to work towards earned time if they were sentenced in the past.

We are concerned, however, about two issues that were discussed in committee –

1. We remain supportive of excluding certain violent crimes from earned time for who will be sentenced in the future. There are many factors that are in play when looking at continued risk to the public upon release. We do not believe that enough evidence has shown a strong enough correlation between “good’ behavior while incarcerated and diminished risk to public safety upon release.
2. We remain opposed, as we testified in the past, to compassionate release for offenders who committed a violent crime. Violent offenders may still pose a risk to victims – or potential victims.

Thank you.





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