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Good morning, Chair and members of the committee.

My name is Lamonte McIntyre, and I am here today as an exoneree who was wrongfully convicted for a crime I didn't commit. I want to voice my strong support for Senate Bill 116, the Pete Coones Memorial Act.

I spent years behind bars for a crime I did not commit— like Pete Coones. Pete was convicted due false testimony from a jailhouse informant. Like many others who have been wrongfully convicted, Pete learned firsthand how unreliable and dangerous these testimonies can be when prosecutors fail to disclose their incentives and history.

Jailhouse informants often testify in exchange for reduced sentences, dropped charges, or other benefits, yet juries are rarely given the full picture. Senate Bill 116 would ensure transparency and accountability, requiring prosecutors to disclose when they plan to use a jailhouse witness and to track their past involvement in cases. This bill is a step toward preventing more wrongful convictions and restoring faith in our justice system.

I urge you to pass this bill in honor of Pete Coones and those who have lost years, even decades, to wrongful imprisonment. Thank you for your time.