

WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF Stanley Bailey

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Good morning. My name is Stanley Bailey and I am honored to be here to share my story. In 2014, I was released from California State prison after serving a total of 36 years in state prison. I served 17 years of a 25 to life sentence for possession of drug paraphernalia while in prison before I was released under Proposition 36. I had nowhere to go, no family to return to. When I was released, I was picked up by the Ride Home program and Carlos Cervantes. He helped me take my first steps of freedom. I was lucky enough to end up at Amity Foundation, a reentry organization that helped me get back on my feet and become trained as a commercial truck driver.

In April of 2015, I joined the Ride Home program as a driver, helping people released by President Obama under his Executive Clemency Program. As part of that program, I travelled all over the country and helped almost a 100 people come home just like Carlos did for me. Today, I am working full-time as a commercial truck driver in Durango, Colorado where I live with my fiancée Brenda and our dog Cali.