

Kathleen Kasparek
Bath
LD 1633

I am writing to ask for your support to establish community-based reentry programs across our State. The vast majority of incarcerated individuals will be rejoining our communities. It is imperative that we institute programs to dramatically reduce recidivism for the benefit of the reentering citizen, their family and friends, and our communities at large. The hurdles to reentering society post incarceration are HUGE. Support for the returning citizen while incarcerated and after release is critically important for success. We are not only safer as a society when recidivism is reduced, we also benefit from a financial standpoint ~ rehabilitation to enable the previously incarcerated to become contributing citizens costs far less than the ongoing cycle of repetitive incarceration. Thank you for your consideration and support.