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Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety, attn: Jasmine Bocanegra
c/o Legislative Information Office
State House, Room 436
100 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Re: LD 1978: *An Act to Enact the Reentry Success and Earned Time Act*

Dear Senator Pinny Beebe-Center, Representative Suzanne Salisbury, and other members
of the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety,

I am writing on behalf of the Greater Bangor Area Branch NAACP in support of LD 1978: An Act to Enact the Reentry Success and Earned Time Act. The NAACP supports the NAACP Prison Branch. This legislation is important. Incarcerated individuals deserve pathways for release from prison when they fulfill programs that demonstrate their success. Community confinement has been shown to reduce recidivism and promote the success of the formerly incarcerated in the community. By curtailing recidivism, this programming will benefit all of society. Please vote in favor of LD 1978.

Respectfully submitted,

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President, Greater Bangor Area Branch NAACP