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RE: LD 42 -- An Act Regarding the Bind-over and Detention of Juveniles

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Dear Senator Beebe-Center, Representative Hasenfus, and Members of the
Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee:

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MACDL supports LD 42.

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This bill would allow, but not require, a bound over juvenile, who has turned
eighteen years old, to stay in a juvenile detention center instead of an adult jail
while the juvenile's bind-over order is appealed.

The flexibility offered by LD 42 would allow for a juvenile to be placed in the best
environment for that particular juvenile while the juvenile's appeal of their
bind-over order is pending. This should help ensure that a juvenile does not go
from a juvenile facility to an adult jail back to a juvenile facility which could have
a detrimental effect on the juvenile and the facilities.


This bill should be voted Ought to Pass.

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Thank you for the opportunity to address this Committee on this important issue.

Sincerely,


Jeremy Pratt, Esq.
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