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LD 18

Testimony in opposition to LD 18
to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety
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Senator Beebe-Center, Representative Hasenfus and distinguished members of the
Committee:

My name is Janet Drew. I'm a retired RN, and I live in York. I ask that you
oppose An Act to Allow the Department of Corrections to Increase Health Care Fees
and Use the Proceeds from Those Fees to Offset the Costs of Client Medical Care
Support Workers because :

1. These costs may be non-existent. Frequently, the incarcerated individuals provide
supportive healthcare to suffering companions, and choose not to be paid for this
compassionate work.
 2. I oppose the MDOC turning effective programs into profit centers. The MDOC
already charges residents for programs, by using the Resident Benefit Fund's
commissary markups & other fees to fund recreational, educational or treatment
programs.
 3. The cost of this program will be borne by the innocent families (parents, children,
siblings, grandparents etc...) risking further intergenerational harm from incarceration
- Thank you