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LD 45

Testimony in Opposition to LD 45 An Act Allowing the Department of Corrections to Offset Some of the Costs of Technology Provided to Residents of Correctional Facilities

To: Co-Chairs Senator Beebe-Center and Representative Tavis Hasenfus and members of the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety

From: Adrienne Horne

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Dear Co-Chairs Senator Beebe-Center and Representative Tavis Hasenfus and esteemed members of the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety, my name is Adrienne Horne and I am a resident of Appleton, Maine. I am writing to testify in opposition to LD 45 An Act Allowing the Department of Corrections to Offset Some of the Costs of Technology Provided to Residents of Correctional Facilities.

I use a phone or laptop every single day to learn, work, and communicate. It is incredibly difficult to be a connected community member, informed citizen, and worker in rural Maine without access to a computer and the internet. Luckily, I can access this technology for free at my local library. This bill would decrease access to learning and working for residents of correctional facilities by charging for residents to connect to educational and vocational programs as well as remote work and other purposes. If we want to build an informed and hard-working community here in Maine, this is not the way to do that. Everyone deserves free access to technology.

Thank you for your consideration. I hope you will join me in opposing LD 45 and prevent the increase of barriers to learning and working while residing in correctional facilities.

Sincerely,
Adrienne Horne