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LD 717

Testimony opposing LD 717 to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety on February 10, 2025. 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, and I ask that you oppose LD 717: An Act to Amend the Maine Criminal Code Governing Restitution to Include the Costs of All Analyses of Suspected Illegal Drugs. This bill places undo burdens on innocent families. It will require the accused, or their vulnerable loved ones to pay for the drug tests that are used to support convictions, but not exoneration. Worst, the payments are required, no matter the test results.

I ask Maine to stop the war on people with ever more reasons for fines, fees and arrests leading to more of the same. Please, Reject this harmful bill.