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RE: LD 931 -- An Act to Amend the Law Allowing Incarcerated Pretrial or Presentence Individuals to Be Credited Time for Participation in Voluntary Work Projects in a Jail

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Dear Senator Beebe-Center, Representative Hasenfus, and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

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MACDL supports LD 931.

This bill will benefit inmates, the community, and the county jails by allowing inmates to participate in public works-related projects or in the improvement of property owned by charitable organizations.

This is a bill that benefits all parties involved.

The community at large will benefit by the labor of inmates working on public works-related projects or in the labor provided for the improvement of property owned by charitable organizations.

Inmates will benefit because they will get to participate in something meaningful while getting their sentences reduced for the work they do.

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Jails will benefit because this should result in inmates being better behaved which in turn will result in greater safety for corrections officers and other inmates. These jobs will almost certainly be sought after because the work will be done in the community and will result in shorter sentences for inmates. Inmates who are able to participate in these programs will likely be the low risk well behaved inmates. They will be the inmates that other inmates want to emulate.

This bill should be voted Ought to Pass.

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

Sincerely,

/s/

Jeremy Pratt, Esq.
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