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Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety
100 State House Station Room 436
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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
Criminal Justice and Public Safety 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.

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.

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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.
President, MACDL