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LD 1288

Testimony to Oppose LD 1288

to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety on April 14, 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 Please Oppose this bill. In principle, I support legislation that lifts up individuals, families and our Maine communities.

Our broken, biased, undefended criminal legal system harms our most vulnerable Maine neighbors. Prolonged incarceration creates stress as punishment affects innocent members of whole families, struggling without their provider, caregiver, loved one. Please implement compassionate alternatives to incarceration. Support earned release programs and second chances.

Please Oppose LD 1288 We don't need another layer of crime and sentences. It's punishment enough to be involved with our broken US legal system. In addition, the harm of incarceration exacerbates all social woes, hurts our vulnerable Maine neighbors & which makes our communities less safe.