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LD 740

Testimony in support of LD 740

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 Support this bill.

This bill is a critical step in establishing appropriate alternative supports for our youth,so that Maine can end the harmful practice of youth incarceration .

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. With youth, the harms are exacerbated since the brain is still developing.

Please support LD 740 & implement compassionate alternatives to incarceration.

Support earned release programs and second chances.

Thank you

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