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Testimony to Support 1146

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 requiring there be Intent, to give person a 20 year sentence. The harm of incarceration exacerbates all social woes, hurts our vulnerable Maine neighbors & makes our communities less safe

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 support compassionate alternatives to incarceration. Support earned release programs and second chances.

Please support this bill Thank you Janet Drew, RN, ret