

**Testimony in support of LD 648**  
**the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety**  
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I am writing in support of LD 648, An Act to Expand the Supervised Community Confinement Program.

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I hope you will support LD 648.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sarah Johnson

Sanford, Maine.

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