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LD 1710

Testimony to oppose LD 1710  
to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety on April 28, 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.

I am disappointed at the number of bills before this committee that will create more  
arrests, incarceration & punishment. Incarceration still seems the first choice in  
addressing social ills like mental illness & poverty.

In principle, and based on corrections research, financial outcomes, public health,  
and humanitarian reasons, I support legislation that lifts up individuals, families and  
our Maine communities. I hope these findings will influence you.

Maine already orders much harsher penalties than other states, and our underfunded  
legal defense system harms too many of our most vulnerable Maine neighbors, their  
families and our communities, without the benefit of real help or healing for anyone.  
Worse, this bill does nothing to advance correction and seems to codify Violence  
against people who may have made a terrible mistake, may suffer mental illness, but  
deserve humane treatment by the state. They are already powerless in a system that  
lacks transparency.

Please, to help insure Justice under the law

Please Oppose this bill

Thank you

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