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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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