

Maine PRISONER ADVOCACY Coalition



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Senator Beebe-Center, Representative Hasenfus and distinguished members of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee:

My name is Jan Collins, I am Assistant Director of Maine Prisoner Advocacy Coalition (MPAC) an organization committed to ethical, positive, and humane changes in Maine's prison system. I am here in opposition to [LD 1684](#) An Act to Exclude from Eligibility for a Community Confinement Monitoring Program a Person Serving a Sentence for Certain Domestic Violence Crimes.

1. These are the rules governing SCCP as they appear in the MDOC policy
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Procedure A. 4. *The Regional Correctional Administrator, or designee, of each adult community corrections region shall be responsible for the day-to-day management of SCCP and probation officers shall be responsible for the supervision of clients while on supervised community confinement...*

6. *An eligible resident shall not be denied approval for SCCP solely because of the type of crime they committed or solely because of objections received from the community. However, **legitimate safety concerns expressed by a victim or others may be the basis of a denial.** In addition, the circumstances of the crime, close proximity to a victim, or objections from the community, may be the basis of modifications to the resident's SCCP Plan or of additional conditions in order to enhance the likelihood of their successfully completing the program if transferred.*

7. Specific information about input from prosecutors, law enforcement, victims, other persons in the community, and the Office of Victim Services *shall not be disclosed to the resident under any circumstances.*

Because SCCP policy has clear guidelines that consider the concerns of victims and others, additional legislation would be redundant.

I urge the committee to vote no on this bill.

Thank-you for your consideration.

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