



# Restorative Justice Project Maine

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This bill does not prevent the prosecution of a new crime committed, and it does not prevent the revocation of bail for the violation of the precondition. As such, it seems to be a no-brainer.

Sincerely,

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Legislative Committee Member, Restorative Justice Project Maine

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<sup>1</sup> “Justice Reinvestment in Maine, Second Presentation to Improve the Sentencing, Incarceration and Management of Prisoners,” November 12, 2019, Council of State Governments Justice Center.  
<https://csgjusticecenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/JR-in-Maine-Overview.pdf>

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