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Senator Anne Beebe-Center, Chair  
Representative Tavis Hasenfus  
Committee on Criminal Justice & Public Safety  
100 State House Station Room 436  
Augusta, ME 04330

LD 1836: An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Sex  
Offender Management and Risk Assessment Advisory Commission  
Regarding Tier Offenses.

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

MACDL opposes LD 1836.

MACDL long opposes the constant increases of punishments when  
there is no evidence that the current levels of punishments are  
insufficient. MACDL opposes these increases, which include  
increasing a misdemeanor to a felony, increasing the class of crime  
from a C to a B, and the duration of a SORNA registration as proposed  
in LD 1836.

LD 1836 increases the SORNA registration length, for a particular  
offense, from 10 years to 25 years. Being on the SORNA registration  
is extremely burdensome and stigmatizing. An increase should only be  
done when there is verifiable data that the 10 year period of registration is  
insufficient. MACDL is unaware of any such data.

Seemingly, the SORNA registration requirements and duration are constantly being  
tinkered with. It is easy to do because no one wants to stand up for the rights of  
individuals who have been convicted of sex offenses or to explain the hurdles that  
sex offenders face.

MACDL urges this committee to look past the charges, look past the individuals, and focus on why changing something when there is no data to support the change and no transcripts of judges bemoaning the need for a longer period of SORNA registration.

LD 1836 represents change for the sake of change because it is easy and, because it is likely no one but MACDL will object.

This bill should be voted Ought NOT to Pass.

Sincerely,

/s/

Jeremy Pratt, Esq.  
President, MACDL