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LD 1979

Testimony in support of LD to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety on May 19, 2025. Senator , 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 Support LD 1979

In principle, and for scientific, financial, public health, and humanitarian reasons, I support legislation that lifts up individuals, families and our Maine communities. This bill seeks to analyze opportunities for folks to accumulate earned good time adjustments in sentences. This bill saves the wage and tax dollars of us all, dollars that are lost with all incarcerations.

The bill is in line with the mission of DOC, and supports stable community reentry. It provides incentives for self- improvement. This new purpose can bring better attitudes, hopes and improved conditions for all, including the over-extended staff.

Outside

Please support compassionate alternatives to incarceration. Support this bill to study earned release programs and second chances, and other bills that promote second chances.

Thank you

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