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LD 1962

I am writing in support of LD 1962, An Act to Establish the Corrections Ombuds. Maine's Department of Corrections operates with a budget of roughly \$400 million, yet there is no independent oversight for addressing concerns raised by incarcerated people, staff, or families. The absence of independent review is concerning and leaves significant gaps in transparency, accountability, and public trust.

Establishing a Corrections Ombuds would provide a confidential, impartial avenue to identify problems early, address systemic issues, and strengthen safety and fairness for everyone involved.

I respectfully urge the committee to support LD 1962 and move it forward.

Thank you.