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LD 42

Testimony in Support of LD 42: Juvenile Detention & Legal Process Reform  
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I am writing to express my support for LD 42, a bill that takes important steps toward improving Maine's juvenile justice system. This legislation recognizes that young people are still developing and deserve opportunities for rehabilitation rather than unnecessary detention, especially for non-violent offenses. By limiting the use of detention, strengthening legal protections, and promoting faster court processes, LD 42 helps ensure that youth are treated fairly and are not held longer than necessary. It also encourages the use of community-based programs, education, and counseling, which are proven to reduce repeat offenses and support positive outcomes. Passing LD 42 would move Maine toward a more just, effective, and forward-thinking system that benefits both young people and the broader community.