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On

LD 1543 Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Recommend Cost-effective, Safe, Administrable and Healthful Programs to Reduce Violence in Prisons and Jails

**Before the
Criminal Justice Public Safety Committee
April 25, 2023**

Senator Beebe-Center, Representative Salisbury, and other distinguished members of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee, I am Randall Liberty, Commissioner of the Maine Department of Corrections providing testimony in support of LD 1543, with the caveat that there are still needed amendments.

However, as you have heard from Representative Moonen, the MDOC has been working closely with him, Jan Collins, and Mary Bonauto. We are close to an agreement on mutually acceptable language for this resolve. We appreciate the committee's time as we thoughtfully engage in the process of violence in prisons and jails.

Thank You,

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