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*Testimony of Senator Anne Carney introducing*  
**LD 981, "An Act To Provide Electronic Notification To Victims Of Crime,"**  
*before the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety*  
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Senator Beebe-Center, Representative Hasenfus, and esteemed members of the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety, I am Senator Anne Carney, proudly representing Senate District 29, which includes South Portland, Cape Elizabeth and part of Scarborough. It is a pleasure to be with you to introduce LD 981, "An Act To Provide Electronic Notification To Victims Of Crime."

One of the scariest things for a victim of a crime, whether that is assault, bulgarily, or something else, is not knowing whether the perpetrator is incarcerated or may have returned to your community. Peace of mind is only remotely possible for many if they know when the perpetrator is incarcerated or could potentially pose a threat anew.

Maine currently requires paper notification of victims before an incarcerated person receives work release, furlough, or release from confinement. This bill seeks to change the law to permit use of electronic notification, which is common in many parts of our lives today.

It is important that we advocate for victims to receive timely information about changes to the status of perpetrators of crimes, especially for victims of sexual assault or domestic violence. I hope the committee will consider allowinf electronic victim notification when that is effective and efficient.

I understand that the Maine Sheriffs Association may want to propose some small amendments in their testimony and I ask you to give consideration to their suggestions.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to introduce this bill. Representatives from the Maine Sheriffs Association and others will be following my testimony to provide additional information.



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