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Writing in support of closing Long Creek, and for the the creation of a Youth Justice Community Reinvestment Fund. Prison makes it harder for young people to finish school, get jobs in the future, and build positive relationships that will help them become healthy adults. A 2019 report on Maine's juvenile justice system showed that 53% of detained youth in Long Creek are there because there was no community based residential program for the youth. The funding for Long Creek can be used with greater good as investment in such. Thank you.