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Neither For Nor Against

LD 1593 An Act To Provide Pathways to Rehabilitation, Reentry and Reintegration

**Before the
Criminal Justice Public Safety Committee
May 14, 2021**

Senator Deschambault and Representative Warren 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 neither for nor against LD 1593.

As you have heard, the Maine Department of Corrections has been working closely with Assistant Majority Leader Talbot Ross and residents of correctional facilities on this bill.

Collectively, and in good faith, we are in the process of working through revisions. We believe we will have an agreed upon amended version of this bill before the work session.

We appreciate the efforts that have gone into the drafting of language by residents of MDOC facilities, many of whom you have and will hear from.

The collaborative work being done on this bill outside of committee is representative of all parties' desire to move beyond the current practice.

We look forward to discussing amended language at the work session.

Thank You,

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