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My name is Denis Duperre and I'm an employee at the Maine State Prison. Last year and throughout this pandemic the DOC and its staff have worked hard at safe guarding our resident population so we didn't end up like many of the nursing homes across the State which experienced widespread outbreaks and many deaths. In order to achieve this, the hard working men and women of the department put themselves at risk everyday working the frontline, encouraging PPE compliance and just showing up to work in an already understaffed facility. The added benefit from the federal aid received by the Governor helped everyone tremendously and without the added compensation, who knows where our staffing levels would have ended up and how that would have impacted overall safety and moral. Staff in the DOC are currently still in highly restrictive PPE everyday and operate in compliance with Maine and CDC guidelines. I ask that we be compensated with this much deserved hazard stipend, a stipend that the Governor herself had promised and agreed upon when Maine went into a State of Emergency. A stipend that was also afforded as long as the State of Emergency existed.

respectfully,  
Sgt. Denis Duperre Maine State Prison