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LD 178

To: Senator Beebe-Center, Representative Salisbury, and members of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee

Re: Testimony on behalf of LD 178

March 13th, 2023

My name Kendra Mason and I am currently incarcerated at Southern Maine Women's Reentry Center in Windham Maine. I am writing in support of LD 178. I am a believer in reintegration and reentry and have faith that Maine will move in the right direction.

Passing LD 178 would create safe reentry planning and support safe communities across the state of Maine. I have personally recognized the mistakes that led to my incarceration and believe that there is fulfilling programming that has helped me with my Substance Use Disorder. I ask that Maine have compassion for the people of their state, victims, and those who have committed crimes. The generational impact that incarceration can have is proven in Maine. Passing LD 178 will help rebuild the damage that has been caused.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully, Kendra Mason