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LD 1514

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RE: LD 1514: An Act to Provide Safe, Short-term Housing to Individuals  
Recently Released from Correctional Facilities

Honorable Senator Beebe-Center, Representative Salisbury and Members of the  
Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee,

My name is Sarah Johnson and I live in Sanford.

I am writing in support of LD1514 which will help provide the most important component of successful reentry, safe and affordable housing. Stable housing is literally and figuratively the foundation a person needs to then meet the challenges of finding and maintaining a job, applying for, and obtaining needed services, and transitioning back into a stable community. We will all benefit by reduced recidivism in our economy and communities. I believe this investment in housing will reap exponentially larger benefits to Maine.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this bill.

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