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

My name is Mary Finn, I live in Wiscasset, and I speak on behalf of the Maine Unitarian Universalist State Advocacy Network (MUUSAN). We support LD 931 from a faith-based tradition that affirms the inherent work and dignity of every person and seeks justice, equity and compassion in human relations, making no exceptions for those who have violated the law.

This bill proposes adopting the specific recommendations of the Maine Jail Navigator Focus Group on Transition and Reentry. The bill sets standards for all jails, increases support from the Department of Health and Human Services for case management services with the goal of ensuring that residents of Maine jails are able to access the State's current workforce development programming for incarcerated persons and for those reentering the community after incarceration. This support from the Department of Health and Human services will ensure that all residents receive support thus preventing recidivism and providing a chance for all to participate fully back into the workforce.

MUUSAN believes in prioritizing redemption, rehabilitation, and restoration of the individual offender, including providing support to get them to where they can contribute constructively as working, participating members of our communities. Participation with case management from the Department of Health and Human Services may prove to be vital to their success.

I urge you to vote Ought to Pass on this bill to ensure that incarcerated persons have a second chance to succeed and become workers and productive members of society.

Mary Finn, OT, CCM.