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**RANDALL A. LIBERTY, COMMISSIONER  
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**In Opposition to**

**LD 931 An Act to Expand the State's Workforce by Supporting the Transition from Incarceration to Employment**

**Before the  
Criminal Justice Public Safety Committee  
May 9, 2023**

Senator Beebe-Center and Representative Salisbury 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 in opposition to LD 931.

While we believe the sponsor of this bill has every great intention, the MDOC does not need legislation to work with the State Workforce Board or the Maine Department of Labor.

MDOC staff participate with of the State Workforce Board (I myself am an advisory member), with regional workforce boards, with the various committees that make up the State Workforce Board. Furthermore, MDOC is written into the State Workforce Board's 2022-2023 Unified State Plan. The MDOC and the MDOL partner on numerous programs and services designed to support the vocational development or current and former residents and individuals on probation.

The relationship between MDOC and MDOL is extensive and quite healthy.

The bill, while still in concept draft form, appears to tackle another, albeit separate topic. That of recommendations from the workgroup associated with the passage of LD 1009 from the 130<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

The MDOC was part of that workgroup however because the recommendations outlined in the concept draft do not directly impact the MDOC we yield to the Maine Sheriffs Association.

We do encourage the committee to take into advisement information presented by the Maine Sheriffs Association about the work associated with the passage of LD 1009 and the necessity of the language in this section of the bill.

Thank You,

Randall A. Liberty, Commissioner  
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