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### **TESTIMONY OF**

# RANDALL A. LIBERTY, COMMISSIONER DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

## NFNA

### LD 550 An Act to Increase Correctional Officer Salary and Benefits

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 NFNA to LD 550.

The Department has yet to see any language related to this bill nor have we been asked to be involved in any conversations related to the intent of the bill. With no information, we are unable to provide a position.

We look forward to hearing more about the intent of the bill, and since the title suggests it will have a direct impact on the MDOC, we hope to work with the sponsor.

That said, the Department believes generally that matters related to labor negotiations are best served at the bargaining table.

Thank You,

Randall A. Liberty, Commissioner Maine Department of Corrections