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The Maine Midcoast Reentry Center in Belfast provides critical services for support transition of incarcerated individuals back into productive lives in their home communities. Belfast has only a part-time case manager, who is shared with other counties. This position is supported by grant funds. Given the high case loads and the important function of these case managers as part of the recovery and reentry process, I urge passage of this bill, which would provide for full-time case managers in every county. This would both facilitate the difficult transition faced by many former prisoners and reduce recidivism and the associated societal and financial costs to communities, courts, and the prison system.