

Maine PRISONER ADVOCACY Coalition



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Senator Claxton, Representative Meyer, distinguished members of the Committee.

My name is Peter Lehman and I live in Thomaston. I am a formerly incarcerated citizen and a person in long-term recovery.* I am here speaking for the Maine Prisoner Advocacy Coalition whose goal is to promote restorative practices to increase public safety and the health of our community.

MPAC strongly supports this important bill.

The monies from these settlements are in partial payment for damages to people and communities devastated by the crisis of the opioid and other substance use epidemic.

It is fitting that these monies be set aside and invested in preventing additional damages from opioid and other substance use.

We strongly recommend you vote Ought to Pass on this important bill.

Thank you for your attention and support.

* In the interest of honesty and disclosure, a personal background statement is available on request.