

Maine PRISONER ADVOCACY Coalition



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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and distinguished members of the Judiciary Committee:

My name is Jan Collins, I am Assistant Director of Maine Prisoner Advocacy Coalition (MPAC) an organization committed to ethical, positive, and humane changes in Maine's prison system. I am writing in support of [LD 1139](#) An Act to Provide Funding for Essential Services for Victims of Crimes.

This is a simple bill with a straight forward purpose: to conserve the funds available for crime victim services from year to year. We fully understand the critical need for these funds, the possible shortfall in grants from the federal government and the need for the state to make up the difference.

We truly honor victims and empower them to become survivors when we provide the necessary funding for the continuance of programming.

Please give your unanimous support to [LD 1139](#) An Act to Provide Funding for Essential Services for Victims of Crimes.

Thank-you,
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