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LD 1911

Testimony in Support of LD 1911:
An Act to Automatically Seal Criminal History Record Information for Certain Crimes

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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and the members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary,

My name is Lisett Anderson. I am a Maine resident of Harrington and an undergraduate student at the University of New England. I choose to use my voice today to support LD 1911, An Act to Automatically Seal Criminal History Record Information for Certain Crimes.

My step father has worked harder for this community than most people I know. He has repaired many homes; giving back to those in need, repaying his dos in pain-staking sweat and tears. Despite the work he does for our locals, his previous charges continue to play a key role in his success. These charges not only define how people see him but how law enforcement address him. These barriers go far beyond my step father, with a large majority of my community being at a disadvantage.

In 2022, the Legislature created a process to allow people to petition the courts to seal certain misdemeanor records. While this process may have been intended to support Mainers, this was just a small step in the right direction. Many Mainers are unaware how to navigate such legal issues and do not possess the financial resources to do so. Many of those don't even know their rights to begin with.

LD 1911 would give those who have chosen to rebuild a new life for themselves the liberty to do so without additional punishments. This does not remove their convictions, but allows protection against prejudice. Please consider voting "ought to pass".

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
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