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My Name is Gerald Hartley, I have worked for the Maine State Prison Since January of 1995 starting at the age of 23. I have held many different roles in my career, working with the Dog Team to track and search escaped prisoners, lost children and elderly, working in units and doing transports. In this time, I have been mandated to work over my 12 hour shifts many times, more than I can say is feasible and healthy and I have seen others in this same situation. This has been difficult for my family as well as other correctional officers. Having to work mandates while myself and my coworkers missed our children's games and additional school functions have been difficult over the years.

Getting few and far between raises over the years and then having a retirement 30 years away is not beneficial for the correctional department or for the officers being hired.

Having a retirement plan in place that helps retain staff and recruits additional new officers into this career will benefit the life of staff and residents alike

Thank you
Gerald Hartley