



**Testimony of  
Before the  
Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and Health and  
Human Services  
In Opposition to General Assistance Recommendations of the  
Office of Policy and Management  
March 2, 2015**

Senator Hamper, Senator Brakey, Representative Gattine, Representative Rotundo and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and Health and Human Services. My name is Catherine Conlow and I am the City Manager of Bangor. I am testifying today on behalf of the City of Bangor in opposition to the budget proposal that changes the reimbursement structure for General Assistance. The current formula reimburses 50% of direct benefit expenditures up to a threshold of .003% of assessed value, and then it increases to 90% of direct benefit expenditures. As you know, the purpose of this law was to help to mitigate the increased costs of General Assistance services on the property tax payers in Bangor and similar "service center" communities. Under the current formula there is no reimbursement for the administrative costs associated with this State mandated program. Bangor's administrative cost is approximately \$300,000 (case workers, software, occupancy, etc) per year.

I have attached an impact analysis of the budget proposal on our GA. If the current proposal were enacted, it would cost the property taxpayers in Bangor approximately \$591,596, an increase of approximately .25 on the tax rate or an additional \$37.50 in taxes per year on a house valued at \$150,000. In Bangor, this \$591,000 is equivalent of 10 to 12 discretionary positions in Departments such as Police, Fire, Public Works and Parks and Recreation employees or 6 miles of road maintenance.

So, on behalf of the Citizens of Bangor, we ask that as you make your decision please consider the following:

- The Citizens of Bangor do their fair share to support social services and folks in need. The City of Bangor is home to many non-profit and government owned facilities that serve the entire Northern and Eastern Maine region. The institutions and people from around the region that depend on these services do not pay property tax. Therefore the necessary infrastructure and service support is already subsidized heavily by the Bangor property taxpayers.
- Further, the State of Maine Criminal Justice System including the prison system, probation and courts have frequently set bail, probation and release guidelines to require their clients to live in Bangor.
  - Of the 150 registered sex offenders living in Bangor, 55% were sentenced in a court outside of Penobscot/Piscataquis County. The other 45% living in Bangor were sentenced through Penobscot County; however that doesn't account for the large geographic region and the number of folks who may have re-offended once they were relocated to Bangor. (See "Sex Offender Registry")

- Attached is a 14 page document of 2014 GA clients that have been released from criminal and mental health institutions. (Attachment A) Of those, 77 are currently on parole and 14 have been sent back to jail. These are not solely Bangor residents. Why are they placed here? Mostly because we have the services, housing, transportation, and homeless shelters. In one instance we found that as a condition of parole, one individual could only obtain prescriptions drugs through one drug store, which happened to be located in Bangor. (Sample BDN Articles Attached) A few years back, Sen. Katz recommended a bill that would require the municipalities to pay GA on Bangor clients that were sent here when they were released from jail. Problem is, these folks often re-offend when they are sent to Bangor, and then they become a "Bangor" resident. The issue is not a Bangor problem but a State problem. It is not fair to ask property tax payers to shoulder the burden of all these folks.
- As a result of last year's enacted changes in Medicare, more than 1,300 individuals receiving Suboxone and methadone drug treatment in Bangor will no longer qualify for Medicare. However, the Attorney General has determined that that it is a qualifying expenditure under General Assistance. This has taken our prescription drug costs from \$1,000 per month to \$10,000 per month and that number continues to increase.
- In short, the State and other communities have been contributing significantly to the General Assistance problem in Bangor. The General Assistance reimbursement differential is one of the few sources of state funding that offset the property tax burden for service center communities like Bangor. For example, the City of Bangor is home to 7,500 rental housing units which houses just about 49% of the total population, compared to the State average of 19%. Additionally, the State reports that over 53% of the students in the Bangor Schools are eligible for free and reduced lunches, which is higher than the state average of 47%.
- The City's General Assistance Program has been audited annually by the State and found to be in conformance with State Law.

We ask that members of the Joint Appropriations Committee and Financial Affairs maintain the current funding formula for General Assistance. The City of Bangor recognizes that the current system of providing General Assistance is inefficient and the City would support a comprehensive change to the delivery of health and welfare benefits that is based on "best practices." It is not reform to simply reduce payments to the urban areas. As always, the City of Bangor is ready to work with the State to develop a more comprehensive approach to providing General Assistance that would cost less to maintain than the current model. We have gone on record as endorsing a different model for service delivery either through existing State DHHS and/or a County approach. (See attached letter to the Governor and Response) The proposal before you is not welfare reform and does not take into account the tremendous inequities that are the direct result of State actions.

Again, I would like to thank you for your time and consideration on these important matters. For additional information, please feel free to contact any of the following municipal officials:

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(Attachment A)

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**Client Institution List - Seen between 1/1/2014 AND 12/31/2014**

Case No.	Name	DOB	SSN#	# in HH	Address	Institution
7404						G Rehab
7847						G PCJ 2010-2014
11696						G multiple prisons/jails 2007 - 2014
11646						G Waldo County Jail 2012
3594						G ████████ - disorderly conduct, 2013
9024						G Jail 8/27/2012 to 10/14/2012, Somerset CJ released 9/21/2014
1692						G felony convictions- trafficking
9955						D Windham/ charston 2006
11071						G N/a
10851						G Windham/Warren 2012-2014
9522						G PCJ 2/27 - 4/15/14
10061						G Jefferson county jail
9794						D Acadia 9-26 to 10-5-2011 Riverstone 10-7 to 10-13-2011
12645						G Wellspring 8/14
12519						G Quincy Mass 2001 Jail, MH Pembroke, Mass 2014
5271						G ████████ Jail unpaid fines, OUI, Crimmlal threatening, and trespassing
3928						G N/A
3971						D 2-10 Acadia for Detox, 2007 Windham-criminal threatening
12169						G Crisis
11215						D Felon
5861						G PCJ summer 2013
11847						D Plaines Montana 2012
12135						G DUI - PCJ 2013, Acadia Hospital 2014, Felony-Larsony
11243						G Jail - charges dropped
1386						G PCJ- Windham- Washington Cty Jail- felonies-gross sexual assault- registry
7915						G 2011 - PCJ
7159						G Jail 2004
12337						G Acadia 2009
11707						G PCJ- few years ago
12007						G Conn 2003
3334						G MSP 14 months
12632						G Pembroke Hospital Mass - 2004
11199						G noe
7555						G PCJ 3 weeks from 2/15/2010 to 3/8/2010 , KCJ 05 unpaid fines
12250						G OK 98-01
4933						G N/A
5205						G Me State Prison 18 mos
9470						G Warren Prison 11-2009 to 2-2011 PCJ 11-11 to 1-9-2012
2009						G Jail- 2007- 20 days theft- 8/2010 thru 4/2012 trafficking and felony theft
10947						G MH 2 's last yr, A CJ 4 mos Acadia 9/2013
12658						G n/a
1788						D PCJ 2011, 2012, Feb to May 2013 10/2013

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11611						G N/A
12663						G N/A
1358						D Jail - 2 wks- OUI- 1997?
4474						G Acadia 12/22/14
11815						G None
1254						G PCJ violation of probation for a felony charge 36 days released 1/11/2014
11837						G Warren -2009-2013
1426						G yes- recent hosp Pen Bay Med Ctr
8686						G Acadia -12/10
10239						G Wyndam -11/23/11; York CJ 10/12 - 4/13
7468						G Dedham House of Correction
11194						G incarceration- 2012- felony 1993- MH hosp 5 days 2010
12217						G PCJ 2011-2012 1 month
4476						G Charleston Correctional Probation Off - [REDACTED]
1514						G PCJ 2010, PCJ 2014
7483						G MSP 5/08 to 01/2010
11281						D PCJ 8/14
1425						G Acadia Hospital, Jails- Bangor 2006, Belfast 2007
7701						G PCJ 9-2010
12782						G PCJ March-Oct 2014
10494						G Me State Prison 3 x's 2003-06, 2008-2012
12773						G Jail 2011 Domestic abuse Criminal Acadia
2127						G none
8449						D N/A
10785						G Down East State Prison 4 yrs released 8/2012
11954						G Wellspring August 28, 2013
1119						G Fort Kent 2/13 4 days [REDACTED] released MSP 9/12
1466						G Acadia - [REDACTED] PCJ- assault
12689						G 2014
9531						G 2011 - PCJ
4253						G none
2331						G Acadia at [REDACTED] and in 2001
10015						G 2000-2008
8294						G Cumberberland county 2010 3 days
2648						G PCJ 1999 30 days
1228						G Acadia 8-5-2011
1755						G Prison -Warren 2006
11649						G Thayer Waterville Somerset CJ
8817						G BMHI 1990
10516						G State Prison then Charleston from 8/2006 - 6/8/2012
2239						G Jail 2014 OAS
5365						G PCJ
12676						G Seb- jail 3 mos assault
4320						D 2-3 PCJ



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11877						D Wlado County 10/9/12 - 07/9/13
1283						G over nights in jail- no felonies
12753						G Federal Prison, NY 11 years
12320						G 9/13 - 3/14
10679						G PCJ 2012
5460						G Acadia- overdose 2002- 2 wks hosp
11973						G HCJ 23 days
10836						G Jail - OUI over 10 yrs ago
8392						G jail
12399						G PenBay, Riverstone 11/13
11693						G [REDACTED] 7/2011 till 03/03/2014 MSP- Charleston
6106						G PCJ 2012, 2 Bridges Jail released 6/8/2014
7908						G couple of weeks when 15 in Me Gen
11289						D [REDACTED] Acadia 10 days 4/2012
11957						D Acadia and Riverstone 11/13 5 days and Jan 14 to 2/14
3802						G Jail- felony convictions
12105						D [REDACTED] Youth Center as a [REDACTED]
12755						G PCJ
11218						G EMMC 11/2011 Windham 10 mos
2966						G N/A
7789						G PCJ 1 mo ago
6688						G [REDACTED] - 1 short term MH hosp/ Acadia- [REDACTED] - assault officer - 10/12 released, [REDACTED] - trafficking cocaine - 11/12 released
3742						G none
8045						G [REDACTED] 2004
11850						G October 31- Dec14 2012
7854						G MH - 20 yrs ago
12168						G Windham 11/9/2012 to 1/24/2014
12453						G none
10109						G Acadia 6 yrs ago MH
10791						G N/A
6357						G Clarion Psychiatric 12/08 Acadia Hosp 2/09
1171						G N/A
12456						G Spring Harbor, Acadia
3532						G 2005
12549						G PCJ 8/13/2014-6/14/2014 Grand theft auto
11545						G Acadia off and on past 6 months
11614						G last MH admit Penbay 6/2013; 17 hospitalizations since 2005
12040						G Wellspring 6 mos 2013 Crossroads 2013
12559						G PCJ, Acadia
12233						G shop lifting/unpaid fines 1999
12529						G none
12205						G [REDACTED]
11760						G numerous hosp in 2012 - 2014
9978						G PCJ May and Dec 2011 Acadia March 2011
10272						G ACJ 7-11
9084						G PCJ - breaking probation

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5719						G Acadia 5 days 18 months ago Windham 18 months 2005 - 2006
12350						D PCJ 2007, 2008, 2009, 2012
11066						D Mental Inst.
11562						G incarcerated 2004- felony - drug charge - sneaking pills and soda into jail
11254						G n/a
3727						G ██████████ Felony- Hab offense- class e theft alcohol related crimes
11043						G in and out of jail since 14 yo
12514						G Riverstone 06/14
9463						G Ducherne City. Utah 7-10 to 11-10
1719						G prev MH hospitalizations, 18 mos Windham releases July- 14
7432						G Two Bridges May-June 2013. Robbery Penbay 12/12
4977						G MH/ short term/ outpatient
3808						G Acadia- 2003, PCJ - aggravated assault, aggravated criminal mischief, criminal OUI, driving to endanger, reckless conduct, alluding a police officer
8931						G Jail - OUI
5787						G PCJ - 12/29/12
12467						G Houston TX Dec 2013
11245						G N/a
12377						G Acadia 10 inpatient; Spring harbor 1 X
12648						G Maine State Prison in Warren
7856						G 4 1/2 prison ME & MA - 3 yrs total out of the past 5 yrs 12/2013
11496						G ██████████, Fed prison 4mos 32 mos MSP
11253						G Acadia 8/10-12, 9/22-9/25 & 11/5 - 11/13
9741						G forgery - 3 months
12869						G CCJ 2013
12682						G contact fine for ██████████
12076						G mental - 2013 Waterville Florida
10881						G PCJ/ unpaid fines/ possession
5015						G jail- felony-burglary/ theft 8/12/2010 - 07/19/2013
3026						G none
2761						G PCJ - 1998
11694						G N/A
11308						G HCJ & PCJ, then MSP 2008 - 2011
12308						D Acadia 12/13, PCJ 3/14
12654						G jail various time 2 yrs from accident was charged with aggravated accident - Felon
3136						G PCJ 6 months released in 3/07 PCJ 9 mos release 10/4/14
12086						G OCJ, YCJ and ACJ -
10754						G PCJ 5 mos 8/14-1/15 Acadia 2012
9174						G Charleston Correctional -released 5/12/11
5826						G MH - hosp - 1 time - short term- no longer rec's tx

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4576						G last admission 2007 Spring Harbor & Wellspring for 6 mo after that admit
						G Jail - 1 day unpaid fine
10013						G Felony Theft 16 years ago
10641						G PCJ 3/14
7773						G 3 days Acadia 4/13
11003						G Wasgubgtib /county 9/22/2014
12763						G Reentry through Sept; county jails
12615						G jail unpaid fines
12702						G ██████████ 2013 driving after suspension ██████████
9183						2008 theft, 2014 OAS.
						G PCJ, Middleton House of Corrections ██████████
12510						██████████
						G ██████████ 2/28/13; PCJ housed in Wash County-theft of fire arm, burglary, and possession of fire arm by felon
12236						G 2006 Spring Harbor multiple stays at multiple county jails
11697						G MSP Warren- 8/2011- 2/12/2014
8565						G PCJ rel 9/5/13, PCJ 2/14 - 3/13
6565						G MH Hosp- several x's- all less than 3
3961						G Acadia Hospital 2012, 2014, Woman's Halfway house
10216						D in and out of prison (CA, UT and ME) since 1971
5748						G Acadia a few times for a week or two at a time ? when
4671						G Windham - 2005 - ██████████ - Domestic, assaults
11589						G Jail 2x in NY state, 1993 and 1994
9018						G Acadia 3 days 2006
11421						G 2004 CT jail
10081						G Acadia 11/20/2013
12728						D PCJ 2015
12338						G Riverstone & Fort Kent 2012 HCJ 2012
11339						G sex offender
11464						D Windham 1 yr, Burglary 3 yrs released 3/10
5373						G Houlton 9/2013
11913						D Acadia 2002
6128						G ██████████
12227						G several times MH Acadia, St Mary's, Ft Fairfield, Riverstone
6592						G PCJ
9937						G Bucks Harbor Corrections -11 months
12139						G home phone 433-5868
6810						G jail- couple of times - felony convictions
3066						G numerous incarcerations in IN & NJ & MA
12669						G PCJ- 2006
10188						G Acadia Oct/Nov 2013 PCJ 12/4-2/10/14
12219						G recent discharge was in 7/22/11 - 1/31/14
2729						G PCJ 2013
12182						G Windham 1986
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						G none
12279						G Acadia 7/22 - 8/5/14
12640						G PCJ twice in 2002
5756						G halfway house on Grant St; 17 yr in state/fed prison
8905						D short term MH- 3 days at Acadia
4192						D 1997 - Texas 30 days
12228						G Windham
11874						G ██████████
12588						G PCJ, Dover jail
5828						G 2007 - 14 multiple times and states
5794						G MeState Prison, Warren 3 yrs until 3/30/09 Bucks Harbor 6/09-4/10 Don Muth PO
6389						G Riverstone 3/16 - 19/13
11368						G MH hops -3x's - rec'd tx and medicated with wrong drugs- caused MH problems
5727						G county jail 7 mo; released 3/12
5431						G 9/20/2010 3/6/2013 Windham 1 yr 06-07
3194						D MCC 4/09-2/10
8914						G none
11012						G N/A
1974						G PCJ 3/19/2014 to 9/30/2014
12745						D PCJ - drunken and disorderly
7944						G N/A
12065						G 6 mos PCJ; released 12/7/11 another 6 mo 2012
4664						G ██████████
6821						G Jail unpaid fines 2012
12644						G Windham- Warren 2012
11499						G Prison 6/2013 to 2/25/2014 -violation of probation
9582						D Middleton Essex Cty-██████████
11743						G none
6185						D N/A
6594						G Charleston Correctional 2/2014 to 10/23/2014
12772						G PCJ 1996, 2010, 2012
3563						G ██████ PCJ multiple times for driving offenses -
9885						G PenBay at 18
12113						G ██████████, NC 2008 X 3
9601						G 2014 1 yr Me State Prison
5654						G Norwich, NY
12890						D drug rehab 1987
2418						G Hancock County 2011
12265						G Osbourne Jail Ct
12199						G PCJ
9852						G Good Will Hinckley res program
7456						G Acadia - 2006, 2013
10854						G MH - a few times - all short term.
7632						D Warren - burglary / theft - felon
8248						G PCJ Oct/Nov 2014?
2458						

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12380						G MA prison 2007- 2013
5779						G Windham 6 1/2 yrs Riverstone,
2632						G PCJ 4/102 mos 2014
12255						G Windham -05/09/2013 -3/6/14
12238						G Windham and Thomaston 2005 and PCJ
7978						G N/A
9336						G Acadia 3x 2008-2010 PCJ 7 mos 2013
12501						G Texas Jail 2008; Acadia Hospital 2012 or 2013.
12765						G Mercy Hospital
4459						G 2011 - PCJ
12543						G Ray Brook Federal Prison 2009-2012
5117						G MH- hosp - short term - counselling/ MPA
12471						G Acadia 2014
12670						D numerous times between 2000 - 2013 MSP
11032						G Jail 5 yrs ago OAS
3014						G Jail- felony conviction-property destruction
11117						G St. Mary's -2008, 2014
1478						D N/A
2165						G PCJ- 2011
6791						G Downeast Cor 33 mos; Warren 18 mos and 4 mos 2005 all for sexual assault charges
6740						G PCJ 2013 & 2014
12512						G Prison 3 yrs 20011-2014 NJ
1214						G Detox- in Boston, Mass
12323						D ██████████
11682						G PCJ - Neil -theft, ██████ -drugs
11417						G Jail - broken protection order 3 days
1595						G ██████ Kids Peace, Sweetser
8109						G N/A
5093						G felony conviction- Operating w/out lic
12252						G Cumberland, Maryland, and Ohio
10460						G Acadia overnight last year ██████
9064						G Cumberland County Jail - 2/11
10980						G ██████████
12015						G California State Prison - 17 yrs 3rd felon conviction
12567						G Acadia 2004 last admission
12468						G Rutherford Hosp 5 yr ago FL county jail 20 days 2014
6566						G Warren 01-02 burg Thomaston 06-07 Acadia 2005 Spring Harbor 2/2013
11549						G jail 06-08
1338						G Jail - theft 2013 24 hrs PCJ
8284						G N/A
12216						G PCJ 2013
12438						G 3 times age 15 , Age 18, and 19 for two months
3174						G PCJ
8625						G jail - 2005
12398						G PCJ 2007; Acadia 2014

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9724						G as a minor - 16 Acadia 2 weeks [REDACTED]
9688						D 949-6060
10473						D [REDACTED] - PCJ
11665						G Androscoggin County 8/12-1/13
1476						G [REDACTED] PCJ -2011
8586						G N/A
12494						D JAIL 6/3/2014 TO 6/6/2014, MH1997 SEETEN
12762						G PCJ 3x theft, unpaid fines, unpaid restitution
12876						G PCJ
11946						G Acadia 10/2013
10916						G Acadia 9/12
11145						G numerous x in county jails- several counties in Maine- fel
12244						G 2005 2 yrs
10643						G Prison -22yrs ago CT
5893						G felony conviction- assault-
10802						G PCJ- [REDACTED] 2012
12055						G PCJ 3 wks Sept - Oct 2013
8673						G just released from PCJ after 7 months
12391						G Prison 9 mos, 15 yrs guns
7287						G pcj, 4 mos released 8/17/2012 drugs released to Wellspring
12368						G PJC 8/12 till 11/12 burglaries
9994						G PCJ 3 yrs ago
12405						G 18 yrs fed charge for fraud
11722						G PCJ -2005
12348						G Spring Hbr 3/13-4/13 Acadia 3/14
4436						G [REDACTED] Pen Bay- Park Unit 2 wks multiple stays at local jails
12223						D n/a
11829						G Rhode Island Corrections 2005
6432						G PCJ - Knox County
9892						G 2008 - OUI
7277						G [REDACTED]- Acadia, [REDACTED] PCJ
11163						D PCJ - 2000
11915						G [REDACTED] 223-0169
12630						G PCJ 4/14 - 7/14
10224						G none
7550						G Acadia
10044						G Charleston- released 12/11
6223						G Maine State Prison Warren 3/20/08 - 2/19/09 Acadia 2/27 - 3/23/09
12694						G Acadia, 2011
6232						G PCJ Aug 26 - Oct 16 released
11982						G Riverview 2012
12023						G Washington County 2011
11480						G PCJ 2 days 2013
11530						G Detox 2 X's, Cross Roads, Wellspring
12346						G county jails

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7006						G [REDACTED]
7566						D 99-01 Bucks Harbor 5/09 - 1/10 Acadia 2006 & 2008 16 mos released 3/14
12080						G PCJ, Federal in Texas , PCJ Probation violation 5/23 to 7/1/2014
8335						G Fort Kent Acadia 2012
11764						G Fort Kent NMMC 4/2012
6802						G [REDACTED] - assault -20 yrs ago, [REDACTED] - theft 0812
8645						G Jail 10 days 2006 DV; 4/2011 Windham, Bucks Harbor 10 mos
9566						G Spring Harbor 2006
11268						G Jail/prison GA, AK, FL & ME
6948						G Nov '12 Spring Hbr
8508						G N/A
6022						D Jail
3822						G [REDACTED] have been admitted to Acadia
8432						G PCJ -OUI - released 7/11 60 day at Wiscasset rel 1/7/13; Acadia 2009
9564						G 7/2014 Acadia
10604						G [REDACTED] Colorado [REDACTED]
4823						G [REDACTED]
12197						G Acadia 3 weeks 2009/sept 2011 3 days
12870						G Windham 2007
7980						G Mental institutions from 6 years old to 16 years old
10981						G jail- 1989- long term- violent crime- on registry
1621						G Jail 2 yrs released 7/10/ Acadia 2x - suicidal and MH
7312						G Jail 5/09 30 days
10739						G Me State Prison [REDACTED] to now off and on for 5 yrs
12737						D [REDACTED] Jail AS Bugular- [REDACTED] OUI and a theft charge
9705						G jail 2 days 97
12688						G MtView burglary PCJ/2 Bridges 6 mos 2014
10834						G N/A
9832						D ACJ 9/6/2011 to 10/12/2011/
7935						D rehab [REDACTED] 7 mos discharged 1/14
10730						G Santa Barbara CA
1789						G PCJ
12498						G Acadia 4/13
9010						G Acadia 1-8-2011 3/25/2011
4248						G PCJ 2011, 2004
4166						G call Street Light
11641						G Wndham- 5 years
8922						G [REDACTED] - MCC - 14 months unlaefut sexual contact of a minor
10138						G 2010 Charleston
10499						G him 2007 violation of restraining order
6644						G June 2014 PCJ Acadia 2012

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5424						G prison 2 mos 2007, June 2010 - December 2011 - trafficking
12577						G PCJ May 2014
10498						G Acadia last admit - Jan 2011 for 1 week
12566						G unpaid fine 3 days
11566						G FMC Devons, Ayre, MA 2005-2013
8657						G PCJ, CCJ 6-10 and 9-10 3rd OUI. Acadia 10-2011 PCJ
10527						G MH Hosp- 2011- short term- Mid Coast Hosp
12415						G Felon Prison 2 x's Drug, theft possession
12548						G PCJ 5/9/2014 yo 6/30/2014 also MH in California and Florida in 2012
12655						G Acadia 2006
9803						G 9/2000 to 10/2011 Federal NY, Texas, and Ok
12172						G [REDACTED] 9 months, Aroostook court pending case
11799						G [REDACTED] 6 yr 1998-2004, MH - PTSD, Anxiety, BiPolar, Suicidal Idations
1647						G [REDACTED]
11753						G Acadia- short term can't remember date, PCJ-
11169						G Me State Prison August 2012
2033						D jail- several times over the years
12041						G [REDACTED]
5399						G jail 1 night
12822						G EMMC 1970's - Suicidal
8843						G PCJ 11-10 to 1-11; 2/16 - 2/18/14
5652						G 2011 - PCJ, Washington County Jail - criminal trespass
12287						G Acadia Feb 2014
10428						G Pen Bay 2009
12729						G 942-6826
2943						G jail- several time starting with Me Youth Ctr- 2009 NC-OUI
10227						G PCJ Acadia 2007
3009						G MH Hosp- short term
11867						G PCJ 10/2014, Acadia 2007
11283						G TwoBridges 1/2013
7689						G Bucks Harbor 14 mos
12591						G 18 years prison in Feb 6
12739						D MH Exeter, NH 2010
12184						G jail 12/4 - 1/22/14
12628						G Acadia
11582						G Mt View Correctional 15 mos 2012 - 2013
12550						G CCJ 2012 - obstructing to report crime- 2014 Poss scheduled drug
9567						G 30 days unlawful sexual contact 12/2011
12638						G 10 mos 2011 - 2012 Aroost jail; Acadia 2014, SprHbr 2011
10247						G Four East (formerly Seton) 15 days last year
6046						D Acadia - detoxed from Methadone
12831						G Acadia, 11/2008

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12033						G Osborn Corr CT
6966						G N/A
6402						G [REDACTED] 2/11 - 5/12
12786						G 1 night CA, MH 10 years ago
11698						G PCJ July 2013
6477						D MH hosp 2009
2252						G jail- false stmt on application- 10 days 7/2014
1286						D Acadia 2 yrs ago 12 days for depression, past month 12/10
12436						G n/a
5320						G none
10744						D OAS, speeding ticket
12735						G PCJ 11/13 Acadia 2010
10302						G MH Acadia 2 yr ago Monica is in and out
12680						G MSP 12 yrs ago
12158						G None
10375						D [REDACTED] PCJ 1/15
11416						G PCJ, Acadia (3x since 2001) latest MH admit 3/13
3609						G Prison Windam 05012008 to 3/09 [REDACTED]
12835						G 7 mo [REDACTED]
12088						G New York - jail, mental institution in NY
5182						G Spring Harbor ad Riverstone 6/2014
12851						G Jail OUI 5 mos ago
9615						G none
1390						G felony- theft-burglary- <i>Washington County</i>
10469						G Machias
10002						G Charleston Correctional Cener
11009						G MeCorr 2007-2010 Acadia 9/10 for a month
2378						G Numerous jail stays and 2 stays at Acadia since 12/08
4722						G PCJ 5 mos released Sept probation violation
12469						G [REDACTED] lists jails/prisons in these states NJ, SC, FL, NC, CO
12787						G Jail, Bainbridge, Georgia 2012
11193						G 4 x outpatient & 1 inpatient in last 2 yrs Acadia
1296						G Jail- 2005- unpaid fines- no felonies
2640						G / MH tx/sub Abuse TX- felony 12 years ago - class B - burglary
9452						G Warren State Prison 2002 to 2005 + 2006 to 2007 Acadia 7-11
8855						G N/A
2048						G 1994 - 1998 Windham
11488						G Acadia 4 yrs ago
11779						D Jail- long term- Ross- MH hosp- long term Ross
9929						G PCJ Bail violations 4/2013 - 5/2013 2014 PCJ DV 164 days
4800						G [REDACTED] PCJ
10885						G Acadia PCJ - various times
12383						G Riverview, Acadia Dorthia Dix

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4246						G Spring Harbor late last year
12811						G Calias Hospital 2012, Machias Hospital 2012, EMMC 2014, Acadia 2014
10240						G none MH; in Windham 2 yrs
8798						G 2003 prison in CT
10089						G Charleston 10/2010 released 1/20/2012
5094						G Acadia MH, Jail over 10 yrs oui assaults
1529						D jail- felony convictions Kerston MSP 1 yr
2871						G Jail- Maine State Prison- felony conviction
8463						G PCJ -
11021						D jail 1986 and before
6947						G Fla - 3 mos, PCJ April 2013 DV
12343						G March 2014 PCJ
3169						G Acadia X5
12538						G York County 1/8 to 5/13/14 probation violation
1839						G PCJ - 01/12 both
2526						G Acadia Hosp 2007 PenBay Hosp 2007 Riverstone 3x 2007 & 2009
12744						G Acadia July 2014
9017						G PCJ 3-5-11 to 3-8-11 MH hospital in New Orleans 4 mos ago
7768						G Acadia 2002
11785						G Maine Med, Spring Harbor and Acadia July-Aug 2013
12596						G Hancock County Jail
11278						D Acadia 3 yrs ago?
11056						G Prison 2008-2009 traffick, -PCJ - 2011 trafficking
9902						G PO for
6782						G hospitalized about 4 times in PA
12248						G 2002 RI Unemployment Fraud, PCJ - Domestic 2013
7336						G Acadia 8 yrs old - Breaking and entering both 2013 PCJ 2014
12633						G n/a
9113						G Piscataquis County - 2011
9349						G PCJ 6/27/11 released , Acadia Hospital 2004
8967						G
11881						G Ellsworth Jail - 1994
2931						D MH hosp in Fla 2002
12631						G N/A
9563						G PCJ, Knox county, Washington Cty, Hancock Cty.
12629						G jail SC 2006, MH NC in 2004
2466						G MH- Acadia short term, PCJ - 1/1/2011 - 1/14/2011
12050						G Franklin City NY, MH Jefferson Lo 1989, 1999
11747						G St. Mary's 4/13
6204						G MH- short term- Hosp - multiple times
10343						G West Virginia - Prison 2007
1926						G -

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4151						Acadia 5/2013 2 days suicidal
12523						Grand County MO - Jail 4/13
2143						2007 Warren
12341						Warren 7 1/2 yrs. Acadia 18 yrs old
11309						MSP 2005-2013
12635						n/A
8311						N/A
12005						none
10816						Jail in New Hampshire, Mental Hospital in New Hampshire
11718						PCJ -on probation for a "bunch of things."
11518						incarceration- 10 days several years ago. MH- Acadia- 4 days- several years ago
1397						Charleston 2 yrs
6555						Cushing, OK 11/08 to 5/09
2664						██████████ was 16
2850						felony- trafficking,, Theft - 3/14 to 10/14
7038						OUI- 2010- jail for the weekend
10261						Rehab center - 2011
12706						n/A
10022						Charleston - Eluding a Police officer, unauthorized use of car, DUI, OAS

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## Jury deadlocks on arson of fire marshal's car, acquits Prentiss Township man on 11 other charges



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John A. Weckerly, left, stands on July 25, 2013, at the Penobscot County Judicial Center with his attorney Kirk Bloomer on the first day of his trial.



By Nok-Noi Ricker, BDN Staff  
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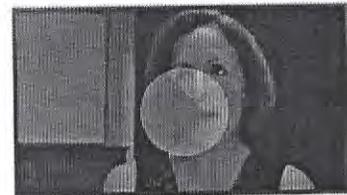
BANGOR, Maine — Jurors could not decide if a former Prentiss Township man torched the car of a state fire marshal who was investigating a string of arsons and graffiti taggings around the man's isolated cabin.

"I'm declaring a mistrial as to that particular count," Superior Court Justice William Anderson said at the conclusion of the five-day trial Friday at the Penobscot Judicial Center against John A. Weckerly.

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Bangor Weckerly, 54, will remain free on bail awaiting his retrial on the arson charges. He was indicted by a Penobscot County grand jury in April 2012 on a dozen charges —

four counts of arson, five counts of criminal mischief and one count each of aggravated criminal mischief, burglary and theft by unauthorized taking.

After deeming a deadlock in deliberations about the arson to Fire Marshal Sgt. Timothy York's state vehicle two years ago, the jury of seven women and five men found Weckerly not guilty on the 11 other charges.

"I don't know what else we could have done," Penobscot County District Attorney R. Christopher Almy said with obvious frustration in his voice after leaving the courtroom Friday.

Weckerly was arrested without incident and charged with arson early on Aug. 3, 2011, after a state police dog followed a scent from the fire marshal's destroyed car to Weckerly's home about half a mile away, the prosecutor said last week.

York and two other fire investigators were on a midnight detail investigating three previous arsons in the area.

The car was set ablaze with a flammable liquid, and a bucket of gasoline was found on the roadway leading to Weckerly's home. Gloves covered with gasoline were found hanging in his shed, the prosecutor said.

The jury deliberated for four hours Thursday and for several hours Friday before returning their verdict. Their decision was announced at noon.

Defense attorney Kirk Bloomer of Bangor said during the trial that the evidence did not connect Weckerly to the crimes. He declined to make a comment afterward, but Weckerly said he was pleased with the jury's decision.

"That was good," he said on the front steps of the courthouse. "I never went through anything like that."

Weckerly said the mistrial was a "definite victory."

"I don't think there is any possibility of them convicting me of setting the car on fire," he said.

Almy said the state will have to review the case before a decision is made about retrying the case. If the decision is made to go forward, a second arson trial would be scheduled for later this year or early next year, he said.

"I keep going over this again and again," the prosecutor said. "We did everything we could possibly think of and to that extent, I'm frustrated."

Weckerly, who has been staying in Bangor as part of his bail conditions, added that he was disappointed that he doesn't get to return home to Prentiss Township. Bloomer requested that his bail be modified to allow him to return to his rural cabin, now that he has been acquitted of 11 of the 12 charges, but Anderson denied his request.

"We are still concerned about him," Almy said.

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## Bangor woman arrested for allegedly violating bail conditions by drinking

By Ryan McLaughlin, BDN Staff  
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BANGOR, Maine — A woman who is no stranger to police was behind bars again Thursday, this time for violating her bail conditions, Sgt. Paul Edwards said.

Ashley Steward, 28, is prohibited from consuming or possessing alcohol as part of her bail, the sergeant said.

Police were dispatched to Steward's Ohio Street residence late Wednesday after a man claimed she had stolen an undisclosed item from him.

While Steward didn't steal anything, according to Edwards, police smelled alcohol on her breath and took her to the station for a breathalyzer test, which confirmed she had been drinking. She was arrested and charged with violating her conditions of release and taken to Penobscot County Jail.

Steward has a criminal record, according to Bangor Daily News archives. On Feb. 9, she was arrested for disorderly conduct after an argument with her boyfriend escalated to her yelling and swearing at police.

Steward's rap sheet also includes an assault conviction in Washington County in 2011 and a burglary conviction in 2007 along with convictions for disorderly conduct, refusing to submit to arrest, violating conditions of release, operating a vehicle with a suspended or revoked license and theft.

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The Honorable Gov. LePage

On behalf of the City of Bangor I would like to thank you for taking the time to meet with us to discuss issues of concern to the City. Our primary reason for requesting this meeting is to share our interest in continuing to partner with the State on significant economic initiatives and finding workable and sustainable solutions to on-going problems.

**BACKGROUND:**

The City of Bangor continues to be an important economic engine in the State of Maine. Over the past decade, Bangor has revamped its Penobscot Waterfront, welcomed the state's first racino and now casino, and most recently initiated the largest municipal development project in Bangor's history with the groundbreaking of a \$65 million arena and conference center.

These investments were made to help solidify Bangor's economic future and, in return, the State of Maine will benefit from the receipt of growing sales tax revenues – the driving measure of a healthy commercial economy.

Statistics kept by the Department of Revenue show that Bangor rates number two in overall sales tax revenues generated for the State, second only to Portland. Statistics also show that during the fourth quarter of each year, Bangor has consistently been number one.

While this is a positive trend for the commercial enterprises that have invested in our region, Bangor must support that investment by ensuring our infrastructure is designed, maintained, and enhanced appropriately and responsibly.

Our budget continues to be fiscally responsible and our municipal revenues and assessments are not shrinking (*Bangor was recently recognized by USA Today as a municipal top performer in economic vitality despite the recession*), however we are facing ever-growing financial challenges that are threatening our ability to properly support our economic vitality.

We believe that for Maine to grow and thrive, the communities that provide the greatest economic contribution to the state's general fund must have the ability to reinvest in their infrastructure.

We feel one of the largest threats to our ability to make this investment is state-mandated municipal general assistance and the lack of local control and appropriation restraints available.

**THE EQUITY PROBLEM:**

In Maine, the mandate comes without the ability for the municipality to apply requirements, such as residency, to its appropriations. Therefore we consistently

distribute funds to folks who reach Bangor in need of assistance.

And with Bangor being the service center for much of three counties, the per-capita appropriation of general assistance funds is 50% greater than that of Portland, a city twice the population of Bangor.

Unlike Portland and the Southern part of Maine, services tend to be more concentrated in Bangor and serve the greater Penobscot Region.

While that makes sense from an economy of scale perspective, it has also unfairly burdened Bangor taxpayers with the cost of supporting social services such as General Assistance.

These social service costs take money away from our general fund budgets that could be and should be used to keep roads maintained, neighborhoods safe, and schools adequately funded. We know and data shows that roads, public safety, and a strong educational system are all components that help to foster economic growth.

### **WORKING TOWARDS SOLUTIONS:**

As in business, there are two solutions to managing a budget. The first is to increase revenue. The second is to control costs.

In government, increasing revenue comes through taxes or fees. We do not believe that increasing property taxes is a solution that helps to mitigate the issue, and it increases even further the equity of burden that Bangor tax payers shoulder.

The second solution for revenue is through a local option sales tax. While having benefits of growing revenue to support the infrastructure, this adds a burden to the commercial enterprises who have invested in Bangor by making the cost of goods and services higher than in surrounding cities and towns.

We do not feel that creating or raising taxes is a solution we can endorse.

That leaves us to evaluate the controlling of costs and there are clear and obvious ways in which costs can be controlled when dealing with the distribution of general assistance in Maine.

### **REGIONAL APPROACH TO G.A.:**

We suggest the Administration strongly consider a regional approach to General Assistance. The State of Maine is only one of three States in the Country where GA is administered at a municipal level. With 490+ separate local government entities administering General Assistance there is little doubt that the system is fragmented and that there is an inconsistent application of rules by municipalities.

It is this fragmentation that creates the opportunity for some applicants to take advantage of these inconsistencies.

The benefits of a regional approach:

- A regional approach would allocate costs proportionately across the region, thereby assuring that the burden to pay is not born by the Bangor Property Tax payers alone.
- A regional system would also ensure that all General Assistance is administered by a dedicated staff. Staff would have greater expertise and knowledge of the system and recipients which would provide consistency in the administration of the benefits.
- A regional system would ensure program integrity. Systems could be uniformly put in place that enable service providers to verify information provided by GA applicants by cross matching it electronically with the State DHHS database. Taking that one step further, Portland also uses the service of a private contractor to check certain GA applications against a real time wage data base. These systems are most effective in GA programs with the dedicated capacity and staffing to ensure that such measures can be taken.
- A Regional system could provide greater assistance to individuals qualified to access federal benefits such as Social Security and Veterans Benefits for which they may be entitled to offset GA cost. For example, many veterans don't know that they are eligible for Veteran's cash or medical benefits.

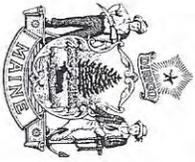
### **CALL TO ACTION:**

Bangor has been a willing and creative participant in regional initiatives in the past and is ready to step forward again. We ask that our region be the test grounds for regional, if not county managed, general assistance distribution.

This pilot is a clear and obvious way to maintain the social safety net while asking that surrounding cities and towns participate in sharing the cost of both appropriations and administration.

The City of Bangor stands ready to work with the administration to address the challenges we face regarding General Assistance. As partners in this effort, we are willing to train and share staffing, best practices, and management experience to ensure the regional approach realizes its greatest chance of success.

We believe this step will reduce the burden of the system while ensuring those in need of assistance get a humane, speedy, efficient, and fiscally prudent response.



5-8-12

Cathy,

PAUL R. LEPAGE  
GOVERNOR

Thank you for your letter, while I agree with your ideas of regionalization, the concept of home rule seems to always terminate the discussion. We have offered regional flexibility, block grant concept, & have discussed regional as we did in education would cause a big storm. I agree with you, but many other communities do not.

Regards,  
Governor Paul R. Lepage