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**Sample petition:**

**Petition**

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| **Requested by: \*\*** | ACLU of Maine |

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| **Title: \*\*** | Tell ME Leaders: Protect kids at Long Creek |

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| **Submit button text: \*\*** | SIGN THE PETITION |

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| **Goal Bar \*\*** | **Include  Do Not Include**  How many signatures are required to meet this goal?  Minimum total signatures required to show progress.  Starter message (This message is displayed when minimum numbers have not been met.) |

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| **Landing page content \*\***  This content will appear above the petition form. It should be a brief summary of the petition with a clear, compelling call to action. |
| An 11-year-old boy with mental illness was brutally beaten by guards at Long Creek Youth Development Center. Despite the absence of any physical threat, the guards entered his cell and bashed his face against a metal bed frame, knocking out his front teeth. After the attack, they didn't take him to the dentist for six days, at which point it was too late to save his teeth.  We filed a lawsuit on A.I.’s behalf charging excessive violence and negligent care. But we can’t stop there. It’s time for oversight and accountability at Maine’s youth prison.  Sign the petition asking Maine’s top officials to hold crucial oversight hearings to find out what’s going wrong at Long Creek.  This wasn’t the first violent incident at Long Creek, but we can make sure it’s the last. Our elected officials have an obligation to protect kids in state custody. Tell them to hold oversight hearings now. |

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| **Petition Message\*\*** |
| Governor LePage, Senate President Thibodeau, Speaker Gideon:  If there’s one thing we can agree on, it’s that kids in the care of the state should not be subjected to violent beatings. Yet mounting reports suggest a culture of violence at Long Creek Youth Development Center.  Our children are being failed – at every step, and by multiple agencies and individuals. It’s time for accountability. We call on you to convene oversight hearings to find out what’s happening to kids in Maine’s youth prison.  Working together, you can play a key role in ensuring the safety of children in the custody of the state. |

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| **Recent Signer List: \*\*** | Choose whether petition signers can opt-in to having their name displayed on the petition page.  **Include  Do Not Include** |

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| **Custom URL\*\***  **All URL’s start with www.aclu.org/secure/[AffiliateCode]. They are also case sensitive so they should be in lower case.**  **Example: www.aclu.org/petition/ga\_2013\_bill\_of\_rights\_dinner** |
| /petition/me\_2018\_Long\_Creek\_oversight |

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| **Expiration Date and redirect or message \*\*** |
| ☐ Never Expire form X Expire on Date: 04/30/18  Redirect to:  Or message for expired page:  Thank you for your interest in oversight at Long Creek. This petition has expired. Go here to learn more about juvenile justice issues in Maine: https://www.aclumaine.org/en/issues/youth-rights |

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| **Social Share Settings \*\***  **Social share buttons show up on the confirmation page. If you would like to have people share your petition, please provide the content below for Twitter, Facebook and Email sharing.** |
| **Twitter:** |
| ACTION: Tell #ME leaders to protect kids at Long Creek. Sign the petition. |
| **Facebook:** |
| Facebook Title:  Two guards beat up an 11-year-old at Long Creek. It’s time for oversight.  Facebook Description:  This wasn’t the first such incident at Long Creek – but we can make sure it’s the last. Tell Maine officials to hold oversight hearings to find out what’s going wrong at Long Creek.  \*\*\*\*\*If you would like a specific image to be shared, please attach an image with your request.\*\*\*\*\* |
| **Email:** |
| Email Subject line:  Tell ME officials: protect Maine kids now.  Email Message:  Dear friend,  Last year, guards at Long Creek Youth Development Center knocked out the front teeth of an 11-year-old boy in their care. You can read more about the ACLU’s lawsuit challenging this incident here: [https://www.aclumaine.org/en/cases/ali-v-long-creek-et-al]  Sadly, this wasn’t the first such incident at Long Creek – but we can make sure it’s the last. Sign the petition asking Maine’s highest officials to hold crucial oversight hearings to find out what’s going wrong at Long Creek. [link to petition]  Thanks for joining me to protect kids in Maine. |

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| **Confirmation Email\*\***  **Give a good closing argument, thank constituent for taking action and provide for more opportunities to engage using hyperlinks, even if it’s back to your website. Also, use this opportunity to promote other actions or events.**  **Disable confirmation email** |
| Thank you for taking action to protect youth in Maine. This is an important issue and your lawmakers need to hear from you.  Learn more about our lawsuit here: <https://www.aclumaine.org/en/cases/ali-v-long-creek-et-al>  Learn more about how you can act to protect civil liberties in Maine: <https://www.aclumaine.org/en/Act> |

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| **Email Notification \*\***  **Please list the email address for staff members who would like to receive an email notification when a new attendee registers.** |
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| **Right Column Heading \*\***  **Please update if you would like to change the text in the right column above the petition message. There is a 22 character limit in this field.** |
| SUPPORT THIS PETITION |