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**Testimony of Senator Brad Farrin
In Support of 2090, An Act to Modernize and Consolidate Certain Court Facilities
Before the Judiciary Committee
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Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary: My name is Brad Farrin and I represent the people of Senate District 3, which includes towns in Kennebec, Somerset and Penobscot counties. I'm here in support of L.D. 2090, *An Act to Modernize and Consolidate Certain Court Facilities*.

I am testifying in strong support of this bill which will increase the maximum amount of securities allowed to be issued by the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority for the court facilities in Androscoggin, Hancock, and my own county, Somerset. These three facilities are long overdue for renovation and pose extreme deficiencies and difficulties to the judicial branch staff and the general public who use these locations.

Judicial Centers are a vital part of the community. This bill enables these three counties to modernize and revamp these important judicial facilities to the standard held by many other counties in this state. The staff and members of the community will benefit for years to come from the passing of this bill. Moreover I believe the staff at these locations and members of the public deserve these renovations for their own safety, accessibility and convenience.

Thank you for your consideration. I hope you will join myself and others in supporting this legislation.