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Testimony of Senator Craig V. Hickman in support of
LD 738, “An Act to Remove Barriers to Becoming a Lawyer by Establishing a Law Office Study Program,”

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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and honorable members of the Committee on Judiciary, my name is Craig Hickman, and I am proud to represent Senate District 14, twelve municipalities in southern Kennebec County including my beloved hometown of Winthrop. Thank you for the opportunity to speak in favor of [LD 738](#), “An Act to Remove Barriers to Becoming a Lawyer by Establishing a Law Office Study Program.”

Maine has a shortage of lawyers, and this bill would help to alleviate that shortage. I understand that many people in the legal industry are hesitant to create a way to “cut the line,” but I believe that we need to explore additional options to get more lawyers here in Maine.

Last session on the floor of the Senate, I declared, “I will not spend another day in school in my life, but I would love to be a lawyer. This bill would help me to do that.” I hope you will join me in supporting this legislation.

Thank you.

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