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LD 358

Dear Chairs and members of the State and Local Government Committee.

I regretfully oppose LD 358. Why do I regret? I so totally witness that the Registry of Deed employees so deserve a raise as well as additional funds for any updating equipment and administrative expenses.

The employees of especially Cumberland County take so much time and lots of patients with regard citizens to learn the does and don't of recording documents.

Also, regretfully the expense of \$22 for recording one simple document is over about 10 years old according to the original bills last update. Costs for anything 10 years ago is unrealistic to apply the same amount to today's basic expenses.

But I need to say I am opposed to \$45 because this is too much of a jump from budgeting recording costs from \$22 to \$45. Rather I would prefer a slight adjustment to up to \$30 per recording a document. Thus allow some needed funding for registry of deeds while still about to manage adjusting budgets for recordings. Please know that all registry of deed employees are devoted and amazing people. I am thankful for their service and hope this committee may find a compromise for this bill. thank you.