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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

I am Kenneth Fredette and I represent District 33 which includes the towns of Dixmont, Etna, Newport, Plymouth and Corinna. Due to an unexpected issue, I cannot be here in person today and for that I apologize.

LD 1371, "An Act to Tie Judicial Salaries to the Average Judicial Salaries of Other New England States" is an important one. Our judges are some of the best in the country and we continue to want to attract and retain them. Maine is 50<sup>th</sup> in the country for judicial salaries. This bill proposes we address this very important issue.

Thank you for your consideration.