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LD 1665, An Act to Provide Property Tax Relief to Maine Families
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Senator Grohoski, Representative Cloutier, and fellow members of the Taxation Committee. I am Senator Henry Ingwersen, representing Senate District 32, including the City of Biddeford and the Towns of Arundel, Dayton, Hollis, and Lyman. I am here today to testify in support of **LD 1665**, "*An Act to Provide Property Tax Relief to Maine Families*."

In my district—and I know in many of yours as well—property taxes are one of the biggest financial struggles Mainers face. Seniors who've lived in their homes for decades are worried they'll be forced out of the home they've worked their whole lives for due to the increased burden of property taxes. Today's piece of legislation fixes that.

LD 1665 would increase the Property Tax Fairness Credit and keep money back in the pockets of low- and moderate income Mainers, particularly seniors and those on fixed incomes. This bill would significantly increase the credit amount and also allow more households to qualify for the tax credit. It is a direct way to help Mainer's stay in their homes and maintain financial stability.

This bill is a smart and compassionate investment in the well-being of Maine people. I'm proud of the work this Legislature has done in recent years to improve tax fairness and support Mainer's LD 1665 builds on this progress and I urge this committee to vote Ought to Pass on this bill.

Thank you, and I'm happy to answer any questions.