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lead and advocate for
CTE in Maine.*

Testimony in Support of:

**LD-1838, "An Act to Provide Opportunities
and Sustainable Revenue for Maine Farms,
Agricultural Fairs, Wabanaki Tribes and
Veterans' Homes" (5-7-2025)**

Senator Hickman, Representative Supica and respective members of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee, I am Dave Keaton, a resident of Caribou and the Executive Director of Maine Administrators of Career & Technical Education (MACTE). I am offering testimony today on behalf of MACTE in support of LD-1838.

First, we would like to sincerely thank the bill's sponsor, Senator Farrin. and those who worked with him to draft this legislation for including Career and Technical Education (CTE) as one of the distribution recipients of the net terminal income as listed in the allocation of funds section of the bill. We are grateful for the consideration. This funding will be very helpful in the delivery of educational programs and services to CTE students across the state.

Maine's twenty-seven CTE regions and centers prepare more than 10,000 students annually for jobs in critical market sectors. Our programs are designed in direct response to industry and labor market needs. CTE plays a vital role in preparing the next generation of skilled workers for careers in the trades, agriculture, culinary arts, natural resources management and many other hands on, career ready professions. LD-1838 will help ensure this valuable coursework will continue to flourish.

Thank you for your consideration of our perspective.
We urge you to support of legislation.