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Testimony in support of LD 1997, An Act to Authorize Issuance of Securities to Modernize and Consolidate Certain Court Facilities.”

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and distinguished members of the Judiciary Committee. I am Representative Kenneth Fredette and I represent the towns of Dixmont, Etna, Plymouth, Corinna and my hometown of Newport.

I come to you today in support of LD 1997, “An Act to Authorize Issuance of Securities to Modernize and Consolidate Certain Court Facilities.”

This legislation represents a responsible and forward-looking investment in Maine’s judicial infrastructure and in the communities that rely on it.

The allocation of funding for a new courthouse in Newport is particularly important. A modern, consolidated courthouse will improve efficiency, safety, and accessibility, while ensuring that justice is administered in a setting that reflects the professionalism and dignity of our court system.

By authorizing the issuance of securities now, LD 1997 allows us to address critical infrastructure needs in a fiscally prudent manner rather than deferring necessary investments.

For these reasons, I strongly urge the committee to support LD 1997 and advance it for passage.

Thank you and I’ll be happy to answer any questions you may have.