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Good morning Senator Rafferty, Representative Sylvester and members of the Labor and Housing Committee. My name is Richard Hewes. I am the General Counsel to the Maine Workers' Compensation Board.

I am here to testify neither for nor against LD 575, a bill that would add §328-C to Title 39-A. Under this proposed legislation, if a corrections officer were to suffer heart disease or hypertension, then a rebuttable presumption of work-related causation would be created.

I am happy to try and answer questions now. If during the coming weeks you should have questions or need information about LD 575 please forward your inquiry to the Workers' Compensation Board. We will try to locate the information you seek and transmit it to you as quickly as we can.

Thank you.