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Senator Rafferty and members of the committee. My name is Harlan Baker and I live in Portland. I favor passage of LD 1279 An Act to increase Maine's minimum wage. as you know the bill sets the date of January 2025 for an increase to \$16 in the minimum wage.

I think you have all heard the arguments for and against increasing the minimum wage.

The reason that I could not appear in person to testify is that I had to work at my second job. I need a second job because the University of Maine system does not pay adjuncts equally for equal work.

The timeline for the implementation of this bill, 4 years, is reasonable.

Sincerely,  
Harlan Baker