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Good Morning Senator Baldacci Representative Matlack and members of the State and Local Government Committee

I am here to support ‘An act to make necessary changes to State Law’. I have supported a bill to increase the number of County Commissioners in Franklin County from 3 to 5 as originally proposed by Representative Tina Riley and then again proposed Representative Landry and Senator Black. The Bill was passed both years but only became enacted this year when the County voted overwhelmingly in favor of the increase of commissioners from 3 to 5.

My understanding is the original bill which became law suggested specific towns for each of five districts. Farmington is larger than one district so a physical boundary bisecting Farmington which would be the Sandy River. This was tangible for many voters and easy to understand.

Nationally we hear about Gerrymandering in such a manner as to guarantee certain benefits to one side or another. I believe Maine can be above this and hope you carefully consider the law when determining these boundaries.

Thank you for your considerations-I look forward to hearing your deliberations on these matters.

Sincerely,
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