



House Taxation Committee support of LD 529

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To the Distinguished House Taxation Committee:

My name is Daniel J. Robinson, I am the Assessor for the Town of Kennebunk. I appreciate the opportunity to testify in support of LD 529, which would "Eliminate the Annual Application" for the Tax Stabilization for Senior Citizens. LD 529 would eliminate the excessive amount of staff time that is involved with administering the program. In addition, there are currently no other programs administered by Assessing Offices requiring annual application. This also causes a burden on the participants and would also eliminate the prospect of a participant missing an application deadline and having a significant increase from their prior years stabilized amount.

In addition, I do believe that transferring the stabilized amount to a new homestead in another municipality would also cause strain on municipal resources. A better possible solution is to allow the stabilized amount to continue for a participant if they move to another homestead in the *same* municipality.

I would support the program if it were to remain in its same general construct with the changes referenced above incorporated.

Thank you for your time.

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