

Testimony of the Maine Municipal Association

In Support of

LD 1258, *An Act to Increase the Personal Property Tax Exemption for Farm Machinery*

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Senator Grohoski, Representative Perry, and members of the Taxation Committee. My name is Kate Dufour, and I am offering testimony in support of LD 1258 on behalf of the 70 municipal leaders who were elected by their peers to serve on the Association's Legislative Policy Committee and directed to establish MMA's position on bills of municipal interest.

Provided that the state is willing to reimburse – in perpetuity – municipalities for 100% of the lost property tax revenues associated with expanding the farm machinery exemption municipal officials have no issue with LD 1258.

Thank you for considering the municipal perspective on this bill. If you have questions about the Association's position, please do not hesitate to contact me at 1-800-452-8786 or kdufour@memun.org.