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**TESTIMONY OF THE MAINE ASSOCIATION OF PLANNERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING**

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY PROVIDED AGAINST LD #214
"An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Zoning and Land Use Restrictions to Limit Certain
Requirements to Municipalities with a Population of More than 10,000"**

DATE OF HEARING: Tuesday, April 11, 2023

**Honorable Senator Teresa Pierce, Honorable Representative Traci Gere, Distinguished
Members of the Committee on Housing:**

Maine's affordable housing crisis is growing. The lack of affordable housing is having crippling impacts on families, businesses, and both the delivery and provision of public services. This is a statewide problem that needs a statewide solution and ALL Mainers should pull together to do their part. This is not the time to limit affordable housing options, but rather the time to expand the breadth of opportunities.

It is true that Maine towns range from large to small, and the smallest communities may have only the barest of planning resources. What is also true is that those smallest communities also generally do not have zoning regulations, and therefore are not impacted by the requirements of LD 2003. About 200 municipalities have zoning and the talent and resources of those communities should be part of the affordable housing effort.

The Maine Association of Planners is opposed to LD 214.

Sincerely,

The Maine Association of Planners Legislative Policy Committee

