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LD 1810

Senator Grohoski, Representative Perry & Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation:

I write in support of L.D. 1810, An Act to Expand the Maine Historic Rehabilitation Credit and Establish a Weatherization Tax Credit, which will encourage homeowners and small businesses to reinvest in their historic properties throughout the state and help revitalize neighborhoods. It will also stimulate the development of badly needed new housing units, create new jobs, and offer a significant net gain in tax revenues through increased local property taxes.

When I think of this legislation, my mind turns immediately to Strathglass Park in Rumford, a planned community of beautiful historic brick one and two family homes from the early 1900's, which would benefit TREMENDOUSLY from the increased attention and investment L.D. 1810 offers. As a city councilor in Auburn, I foresee a renaissance here of rehabilitation in historic homes in need of it, and a ripple effect where more & more homeowners feel encouraged to reinvest because their neighbors are doing so.

I urge you to support of this bill, which will have significant positive impact throughout the state.