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**Testimony in Opposition to LD 1685
("An Act to Increase Acreage Eligibility and Change Requirements for Filing Plans Under the
Maine Tree Growth Tax Law")**

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Senator Grohoski, Representative Perry and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation, my name is Andy Cashman. I am the Founder of Resolve Government Relations, and we represent the Maine Association of REALTORS®, a professional trade association established in 1936 with over 6,500 members statewide. REALTORS® grow Maine's economy and build Maine communities. Our members represent buyers and sellers involved in both residential and commercial real estate transactions. Our membership also includes industry affiliates, such as lenders, closing agents, title agents, appraisers, building inspectors, surveyors, etc. The Maine Association is chartered by the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR), the largest trade association in the country.

The Maine Association of REALTORS® opposes LD 1685. The bill would impose additional filing requirements and make it more difficult for property owners to qualify for the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law by increasing the eligibility limit from 10 to 25 acres. We oppose changes that will decrease accessibility of the tree growth program, resulting in higher taxes for property owners.

For these reasons, we urge you to vote Ought Not to Pass on LD 1685. Thank you for your time and consideration.



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