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LD 1673

Dear Senator Pierce, Representative Gere, and Members of the Joint Select Committee on Housing,

I write in support of LD 1673, An Act To Encourage Affordable Housing And Mixed-Use Development By Establishing A Thriving Corridors Program.

Redeveloping high-impact corridors into mixed-income, walkable neighborhoods will add much needed housing in areas of town that already have infrastructure and can be transformed into vibrant neighborhoods. Concentrating housing along existing corridors will allow for thousands new housing units to be created close to service and job centers.

This type of development supports Maine's climate change goals by reducing reliance on cars as residents will be able to walk, bike or bus to jobs, shopping, and recreational activities. Development along these corridors will also add to the municipal tax base without requiring extensive new infrastructure.

LD 1673 is critical as it will help municipalities who want to move in this direction by providing technical support and financial incentives.

Please vote yes on LD1673.

Thank you.

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