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REVISED Testimony of the Maine Municipal Association

LD 1710, An Act to Establish the Maine Rental Assistance and Guarantee Program and Amend the Laws Regarding Tenants

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Senator Pierce, Representative Gere and members of the Housing Committee. My name is Kate Dufour, and I am submitting revised testimony in support of the amended version of LD 1710 proposed by Rep. Golek on May 10, 2023.

With the elements of the bill proposing changes to several sections of existing General Assistance (GA) statutes excluded from the amended version, municipal officials no longer oppose the bill. Instead, we would lend support for the provision of LD 1710 seeking to create a rental assistance program, which could relieve the pressures currently placed on the GA program.

Thank you for considering the municipal perspective on this issue.