Deer Ridge Mobile Home Cooperative Deer Ridge Lane Augusta, ME c/o Lela Morgan – Co-op Secretary (207)623-2134 deerridgesecretary@gmail.com

Dear Maine Legislators,

Deer Ridge has been a Resident Owned Community, ROC, since, 2015. Every year we make repairs and improvements to the infrastructure. We have a board and meet monthly to discuss issues, finances and hear from the membership. It's not easy, and we are all volunteers, but we work together and bring our individual strengths and experience to our community. Because we work together and volunteer, we are able to keep our lot rent low at \$260 per month which helps us keep our housing affordable, as we are all on a fixed, low-income budget.

Though it is hard work to keep our community running cooperatively, we are grateful that we could come together and protect our affordable homes. As long as we pay our loan no one can make us move and we can keep our rent reasonable. We are submitting testimony today to advocate for future resident owned communities that may also want a chance to secure their affordable housing. We encourage you to support bill LD #1931with a yes vote and help preserve this affordable housing for the future residents that might want the same opportunity we had.

Thank you.

Lela Morgan Sincerely,

Lela Morgan, Deer Ridge Secretary

Signing on behalf of Deer Ridge Board of Directors