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Support for LD 1931, Affordable Home Ownership in Mobile Home Parks

Senator Pierce, Representative Gere, and honorable members of the Housing Committee,

My name is Craig Saddlemire, and I am the Development Organizer for the Raise-Op Housing Cooperative. I strongly urge your support for LD 1931, An Act to Foster Stable and Affordable Home Ownership in Mobile Home Parks by Amending the Laws Relating to the Sale of Mobile Home Parks.

Mobile home parks are a critical form of naturally occurring affordable housing - especially in rural Maine communities - and that affordability is best guaranteed when residents have the opportunity to own the mobile park themselves. The sale of a mobile home park impacts the residents in a profound way. Allowing the residents a 60 day notice period gives them time to decide if they want to submit an offer to purchase the park. Such conversions of parks from rental to resident-owned allows residents to benefit more fully from the benefits of home ownership, and ensures their families can have a permanent place to call home.

Please support LD 1931.

Sincerely,

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