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**TESTIMONY OF THE MAINE ASSOCIATION OF PLANNERS  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON  
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY PROVIDED IN FAVOR OF LD #1934  
"Resolve, to Improve the Coordination and Delivery of Planning Grants and Technical  
Assistance to Communities in Maine"**

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**Honorable Senator Nangle, Honorable Representative Stover, Distinguished  
Members of the Committee on State and Local Government:**

The Maine Association of Planners supports LD #1934. The State of Maine has agencies and regional planning organizations throughout, and they are doing important, varied work. However, this work could be both better funded and more successfully coordinated. Study of the existing system for funding and delivering planning services, and devising recommendations to reform and improve it, are worthwhile endeavors. This is particularly true given the importance of planning agencies in bolstering Maine against threats like climate change and our current housing crisis.

We appreciate your time and attention to this legislation, and would be happy to answer any planning-related questions you may have regarding this bill.

Sincerely,  
Maine Association of Planners Legislative Policy Committee

