

Testimony of the Maine Municipal Association

Neither For Nor Against

LD 1940 - *An Act to Promote Consistent Policies within Growth Management Programs in Order to Increase Food Security and Economic Resiliency in Local Communities*

January 9, 2024

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Sen. Pierce, Rep. Gere, and distinguished members of the Housing Committee, my name is Rebecca Graham, and I am submitting testimony neither for nor against LD 1940, *An Act to Promote Consistent Policies within Growth Management Programs in Order to Increase Food Security and Economic Resiliency in Local Communities*, on behalf of Maine Municipal Association which represents the interests of municipal government before the state and federal government.

The goals of this bill are worthy of consideration by communities as they develop a comprehensive plan, however, Association staff have been working for several weeks with Rep. Sachs to appropriately amend the same sections of law as proposed in this bill with empowering not restrictive language to achieve the intent of the statutes associated with the Growth Management Act.

To that end, we ask that you direct the sponsor to work with us to combine these efforts and make sure there is robust guidance and technical support in place on how to achieve this in each unique community.