



# Town of Harpswell

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Appropriations and Finance Affairs Committee

RE: LD 646, *An Act to Fully Reimburse Municipalities for Lost Revenue Under the Property Tax Stabilization for Senior Citizens Program*

Dear Committee Members:

The Harpswell Select Board supports LD 646, *An Act to Fully Reimburse Municipalities for Lost Revenue Under the Property Tax Stabilization for Senior Citizens Program*.

It was always our understanding that the Maine legislature intended to fully reimburse all municipalities for their lost revenue when it approved the tax stabilization program for seniors. The Maine legislature significantly underestimated the cost of what ended up being a one-year program, and now needs to step up and appropriate additional General Fund revenue to honor the funding commitment made to its municipal partners. The bill includes an emergency preamble making the initiative effective law once signed by the Governor.

We urge you to honor your commitment and support this bill.

Sincerely,  
Harpswell Select Board

  
Kevin E. Johnson

  
David I. Chipman

  
Jane G. Covey