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**Maine Mayors Coalition Testimony on LD 210
An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other
Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the
Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending
June 30, 2025, June 30, 2026
and June 30, 2027**

Senator Rotundo and Representative Gattine, Senator Grohoski and Representative Cloutier, and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committees on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and Taxation, the Maine Mayors Coalition is providing testimony in support of municipal revenue sharing initiatives included in LD 210, the proposed biennial budget.

The Maine Mayors Coalition is a nonpartisan group representing the mayors of eleven Maine communities – Auburn, Bangor, Biddeford, Lewiston, Portland, Rockland, Saco, Sanford, South Portland, Waterville and Westbrook – and nearly 300,000 residents. The Coalition advocates on behalf of our citizens and municipalities for policies that recognize the vital services Maine cities provide and the positive impact Maine cities have on our state. The Coalition seeks to work in partnership with state and federal elected officials to meet the needs of Maine people.

We appreciate that this biennial budget, once again, proposes to fully fund municipal revenue sharing at 5 percent of income and sales taxes. We recognize the efforts that Governor Mills and previous Legislatures undertook over the last several years to increase revenue sharing to 5 percent and then maintain it at that statutory level.

Receiving the full amount of revenue sharing is critical to our cities as well as municipalities across the state. It helps alleviate the ever increasing tax burdens placed on our property owners while allowing us to continue providing a multitude of municipal services our citizens need – everything from schools and teachers to public safety and public works.

We ask you for your support in continuing to fund revenue sharing at 5 percent in this biennial budget. We understand the enormous pressures facing you in developing the budget. As elected officials, we too must balance the competing interests of what our citizens need with what we, and they, can afford. And like you, we scrutinize every program and expenditure in order to keep taxes as low as possible.

Please maintain municipal revenue sharing at 5 percent as proposed in LD 210. Thank you for your time and for your work on behalf of all Maine citizens.