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**Maine Mayors Coalition Testimony on LD 237
An Act to Increase the Percentage of Funds Provided to Municipalities Through
State-Municipal Revenue Sharing**

Senator Grohoski, Representative Cloutier and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation, the Maine Mayors Coalition is providing testimony in support of LD 237, An Act to Increase the Percentage of Funds Provided to Municipalities Through State-Municipal Revenue Sharing.

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.

Revenue sharing is critical to cities and towns across the state. It helps alleviate the ever growing tax burdens placed on our property owners while allowing us to continue to provide the municipal services our citizens need. We appreciate Governor Mills' and the Legislature's commitment in recent years to fully fund municipal revenue sharing at 5 percent of income and sales taxes as required by state law.

Increasing the percentage of income and sales taxes allocated to municipalities to 5.5 percent in January of 2026 and to 6 percent in January of 2027, as proposed in LD 237, would further reduce property taxes for Maine's home and business owners. The Maine Mayors Coalition supports this policy change and respectfully asks you to vote ought to pass on LD 237.

Thank you for your time.