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To Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation

Regarding L.D. 264, “An Act to Remove the 12-month Waiting Period for the Maine Resident Homestead Property Tax Exemption”.

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Sen. Grohosi, Rep. Cloutier, and members of the Taxation Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony before you today. I’m Penny Morrell, taxpayer and citizen of the Town of Belgrade, Maine.

I support L.D. 264, “An Act to Remove the 12-month Waiting Period for the Maine Resident Homestead Property Tax Exemption”.

There appears to be no reason for the delay in applying the Maine Resident Homestead Property Tax Exemption. It can be a math function and work to balance the municipal budget, but everything in that process is work, so it can be done and should be. Those folks who qualify for the exemption should not be delayed a full year to have it apply.

I urge this committee to vote “ought to pass” on LD 264. Thank you.