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## **Maine Indoor Air Quality Council Testimony in Support of LD 1: An Act to Increase Storm Preparedness in Maine's Communities, Homes & Infrastructure**

*The Maine Indoor Air Quality Council ("MIAQC" or the "Council") is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to creating healthy, productive, and environmentally sustainable indoor environments in Maine through education, communications, and advocacy. We are a membership organization of diverse professionals who design, construct, operate, maintain, investigate and remediate buildings of all types, as well as a broad variety of public health and environmental health professionals and practitioners.*

Senator Curry, Senator Bailey, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development:

The Maine Indoor Air Quality Council supports the general intent of LD 1, an Act to Increase Storm Preparedness in Maine's Communities, Homes & Infrastructure. Taking preventive measures before disaster strikes is an excellent strategy to not only reduce the costs to maintain a resilient housing and building stock, it also minimizes the risk of mold and moisture damage in indoor environments—damage that can make occupants sick and undermine the integrity of the structure itself.

Should the bill pass and a resiliency office is established, the Council would welcome the opportunity to participate in the broader rulemaking process to ensure the needs of buildings and people are met for now and in the future.

The Maine Indoor Air Quality Council can be available for the work session to answer any questions or provide further comment.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Christine G. Crocker'.

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