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## TESTIMONY OF THE MAINE ASSOCIATION OF PLANNERS TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## WRITTEN TESTIMONY PROVIDED IN FAVOR OF LD 161

## DATE OF HEARING: FEBRUARY 27, 2025

## Honorable Senator Curry, Honorable Representative Gere, and Distinguished Members of the Housing and Economic Development Committee:

The Maine Association of Planners (MAP) Legislative Policy Committee (LPC) supports the effort to update Maine's subdivision law via a stakeholder group. Maine's existing subdivision law is confusing and poorly suited to the needs of a state with both major housing needs and significant development pressure. *We urge you to vote in favor of this bill* (though we recommend membership of the stakeholder group include additional individuals who interpret and enforce subdivision law at the local level, such as planners).

Sincerely,

The Maine Association of Planners Legislative Policy Committee

