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Testimony, on behalf of the City of Bath

In Support of LD 161, “Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Convene a Stakeholder Group Tasked with a Comprehensive Overhaul and Modernization of the State Subdivision Laws”

Dear Senator Chip Curry, Representative Teri Gere, and Honorable Members of the Committee on Housing and Economic Development,

My name is Jennifer Curtis, and I’m writing as the Director of Planning for the City of Bath, Maine. Bath is in support of this resolve. The State would benefit from modernization of the subdivision law. It makes sense that the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry would convene the stakeholder group to take on the task of updating it.

We are glad to see appropriate stakeholder group representatives proposed among its members including a representative from a regional planning agency and a representative from a municipal government who has experience with subdivision law, or an individual currently employed in the State as a code enforcement officer.

For your consideration: from my experience, the way that communities address impacts in the unorganized territories will be different from the more populated municipalities – specifically related to multifamily housing, access drives, emergency management, fire suppression, solid waste, water supply, wastewater, stormwater, traffic impacts, and open space. This is due to the types of utilities and services available locally and whether the community must follow uniform building codes.

Thank you for your time. I welcome your questions.

Sincerely,

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