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LD 659

Senator Curry, Representative Gere, and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Housing & Economic Development,

My name is Daniel Davis, I live in southern Oxford County (Porter, Maine) and present to you as licensed CEO and LPI in my own community, with no interest other than the State managing and coordinating the laws and regulations that they have put in place.

I'm testifying OUGHT TO PASS and support for LD 659 - An Act to Reduce Housing Costs by Not Requiring Fire Sprinkler Systems for Single-family Homes and Duplexes.

If we want to achieve smart growth, improve affordability, and increase dwelling units in Maine, the redundancy, added costs, and increased insurance risks associated with sprinklers and smoke detection in our legislative construct should be eliminated. I also support the amendment to include the corridor smoke detection redundancy.

It is odd that the proponents of smart growth and developing urban cores in this State did not mention that most of the municipalities requiring these excesses that discourage housing opportunity are largely our URBAN CORES, where development should be occurring and where it is needed the most.

This drives inhabitants away from infrastructure and into the rural areas of the State, which counters intelligent growth and long-term planning goals.

I respectfully request the committee vote OUGHT TO PASS LD 659 (with smoke detection redundancy removal in corridors proposed).

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