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Testimony of the Maine Municipal Association (MMA)

Neither For Nor Against

*LD 526, An Act to Reduce the Time Period for Challenging the
Validity of a Property Tax Lien on Commercial Real Estate*

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Senator Grohoski, Representative Cloutier and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation, my name is Amanda Campbell, and I am submitting testimony neither for nor against LD 526 on behalf of the Maine Municipal Association's 70-member Legislative Policy Committee (LPC).

Municipal officials appreciate the intentions of LD 526 to create a more streamlined process to return commercial tax acquired properties to a functional use. The shortened timeline for challenging a government taking can provide potential developers and investors with viable property sooner rather than later. Local officials expressed minor concern that treating residential and commercial properties differently during this process could be perceived negatively by some taxpayers.

Thank you for your consideration of the municipal perspective on this important topic. Please feel free to contact any member of the LPC or the MMA Advocacy team with any questions relating to municipal operations.