

MAINE SERVICE CENTERS COALITION

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Testimony of the Maine Service Centers Coalition LD 110, An Act to Require Reporting on the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds by Certain Municipalities and County Governments

Senator Ingwersen, Representative Meyer and esteemed members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services, the Maine Service Centers Coalition is submitting testimony in opposition to LD 110, An Act to Require Reporting on the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds by Certain Municipalities and County Governments.

The Maine Service Centers Coalition, comprised of 26 towns and cities across the state, articulates the importance of healthy and thriving service center communities, advocates for public policy that supports and contributes to the economic and social viability of our communities, and collaborates with municipal officials, legislators, state agencies and nonprofits to pursue quality of life for all who live and work in our state.

LD 110 would require municipalities to file with the Attorney General an annual report on the amount of funds received from opioid settlement agreements and the expenditures made with those funds. You may be aware that in settling the opioid litigation, municipalities entered into a Memorandum of Understanding “relating to the allocation and use of the proceeds of Settlements.”

Though the monies are disbursed through the Attorney General’s office, municipalities must comply with the allocations and uses established in the MOU. Therefore, the reporting requirement in LD 110 would be redundant and add yet another state required administrative task onto the workloads of our staffs, who are already stretched thin.

We respectfully urge you to vote ought not to pass on this bill.

Thank you for your consideration.