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**Testimony in Support of LD 970 (“An Act to Prioritize Affordable Housing by
Expediting Reviews for Affordable Housing Projects Applying for Funding from
the Maine State Housing Authority”)**

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Senator Curry, Representative Gere and members of the Joint Select Committee on Housing and Economic Development, my name is Andy Cashman. I am the Founder of Resolve Government Relations. We represent the Maine Association of REALTORS®, a professional trade association established in 1936 with over 6,500 members statewide. REALTORS® protect private property rights, build Maine communities, and grow our state’s economy. Our members represent buyers and sellers involved in both residential and commercial real estate transactions. Our membership also includes industry affiliates, such as lenders, closing agents, title agents, appraisers, building inspectors, surveyors, etc. The Maine Association is chartered by the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR), the largest trade association in the country.

The Maine Association of REALTORS® supports LD 970. The bill would establish a timeframe within which the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and municipalities have to approve construction and site location permit applications for affordable housing when funded by the Maine State Housing Authority. LD 970 would streamline options to increasing housing supply statewide by shortening the timeframe of building, from permitting through completed construction. The bill would help reduce costs with permitting and possible delays to development. This is a commonsense approach to creating more affordable housing units, which will help increase Maine’s needed housing inventory.

For these reasons, we support LD 970 and respectfully urge you to vote Ought To Pass. Thank you for your time and consideration.



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