

LD 1016

Good Afternoon Senator Curry, Representative Gere, and honorable members of the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development,

My name is Tinamarie Smith. I am the Vice President of State Manufactured Homes, Inc in Scarborough and the current President of the Manufactured Housing Association of Maine.

I would like to strongly ask you to vote OUGHT NOT TO PASS on **LD 1016 “An Act to Establish the Manufactured Housing Community and Mobile Home Park Preservation and Assistance Fund”**

In order for this bill to be funded each of our privately built and held communities would need to surrender \$50,000 per house lot to Maine Housing which we believe is an overreach of government and an unconstitutional taking of many closely held, family owned businesses which have often worked for many decades to build the resources and communities that we are so proud of. Imagine this happening with any other type of business in our state? Imagine that you decide to sell your house and you are forced to give \$50,000 to Maine Housing to fund affordable housing projects in our state? Or any number of other scenarios. These are businesses that were once raw land that families built up over generations, and they belong to us in full. No one is ever forced to move into a manufactured housing community. We are already considered UNSUBSIDIZED affordable housing, and that is why our residents CHOOSE to live in our communities. I would like to suggest that you take a deep dive into the ROC foundation and their tactics and fees charged to the residents once these communities are transferred. I guarantee to you that it is a much different picture than they paint for you in their testimony. Look to any state where they have a foothold and you will see that it is not the utopia that they claim it to be.

I am unable to attend today due to illness, but I will be available by ZOOM, or can be reached by email at Tina.smith.smh@gmail.com or on my cell phone which is (207) 329-7116. I am hoping that you see fit to remove this expensive overreach from our already very costly process—and we will be able to pass the savings on to our clients in the form of an attainable and important housing resource for the people of Maine.

Respectfully,



Tinamarie Smith