

LD 949

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 support **LD 949 “An Act to Clarify Licensing Jurisdiction for Manufactured Housing Communities”**

Manufactured Housing is an extremely regulated industry. Our manufactured homes are built to HUD standards and are inspected by third party inspectors both in the factories where they are built and once they arrive on site and are assembled by skilled craftspeople known and licensed as “Set Crews”, and then often are chosen for inspection by the Manufactured Housing Board of Maine by one of their very knowledgeable team of inspectors. Retailers and Community Owners pay for these inspections as part of the fees we pay towards a new home’s installation on the site.

We are of the opinion that having the towns also license our communities yearly and also charging very high building permit fees on each home in a land leased community is unnecessary and also an overreach as our inspections are done by third party professional companies who are trained to look for how the homes are constructed and completed on site. The towns have no jurisdiction over HUD code homes under Federal or State laws.

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