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Dear Committee Member of the 132nd Legislature of Maine,

The Central Maine Apartment Owners Association is a non-profit trade association representing landlords and property managers all over Central Maine. With **over 650** active members, CMAOA is one of the largest organized landlord associations in Maine. Our members own or manage more than **4,000** residential rental units. We provide discounted services, education, advocacy and an active lobbying effort for our members. Our core purpose is to act as an association for the purposes of taking an active role regarding issues facing the apartments owners and managers of the Central Maine area. Including informing and advocating for CMAOA Members, and educating the general public regarding the interests of rental property owners and managers.

Additionally, we coordinate, with our lobbyist Daniel J. Bernier, the other landlord groups across Maine including the Maine Apartment Owners Association, Southern Maine Landlord Association, Greater Bangor Area Landlord and Owners Association, Capital Area Housing Association, Lewiston Auburn Landlord Association, Rumford/Mexico Landlord Association and Farmington Area Landlords. Our mission is to facilitate good working relationships between landlords and renters and quality legislation to helps us do so.

We ask you to **support LD 970** An Act to Prioritize Affordable Housing by Expediting Reviews for Affordable Housing Projects Applying for Funding from the Maine State Housing Authority.

This is the kind of common sense legislation that will directly address the lack of affordable housing.

Thank you for your consideration,

CMAOA Board of Directors

Donna Hodges Central Maine Apartment Owners Association LD 970

Central Maine Apartment Owners Association supports LD 970 asks the committee to consider this type of legislation to create access to more housing options in Maine. We have been concerned with the amount of legislation that focuses on creating further restrictions and limitations on both landlords and tenants. We have landlords reporting that numerous units have been removed from the already lacking rental housing market due to some of these changes. LD 970 is an important step in reducing the red tape of getting more units on the market available for rent!