

4-14-2025 **Directors**

Nancy Williams,

President

Dear Representative Julia A.G. McCabe, Senator Margaret Rotundo and other members of the Housing and Economic Committee,

Diane Weinstein, V.P.

Ann Beverage, Treasurer

I am Nancy Williams, President of Waterville Community Land Trust, a nonprofit that provides perpetually affordable homes to workforce families at 80% and below of Kennebec County's area median income.

Scott McAdoo,

Secretary

We support this bill that promotes home ownership to workforce families up to 120% AMI by rehabbing properties in the city of Lewiston.

Brett Brockway

Scott Beale

Marilyn Canavan

Peter Harris

Kari Lovejoy

Susan Morse

Allan Saul

Paula Saul

However, we suggest an amendment that would inclusively involve the many Maine nonprofits that renovate existing homes or build new homes, including shared equity homes. Maine communities would greatly benefit by expanding the forms of available home ownership, including co-operatives such as already exist in Lewiston and the twelve or more Maine communities with active community land trusts. A bill such as this is needed to assist these smaller community developers to provide affordable homes that revitalize our neighborhoods, increase economic security for

families and generates increased activity to our downtowns.

With appreciation,

Nancy Williams

Christina Therrien