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Testimony of the Maine Municipal Association

## "Conditional" Neither For Nor Against

LD 1462 - An Act to Promote Artisans and the Creative Economy
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Senator Baldacci, Representative Salisbury and members of the State and Local Government Committee, my name is Rebecca Lambert, and I am providing conditional testimony neither for nor against LD 1462 on behalf of the Maine Municipal Association's (MMA) elected 70-member Legislative Policy Committee (LPC). For reference, MMA is a nonpartisan, nonprofit member service organization and aims to help provide policy solutions that work for all residents in Maine and the LPC guides the advocacy efforts and establishes positions on bills of municipal interest.

Our LPC has not yet had the opportunity to discuss the merits of LD 1462 but have it on their agenda for their meeting to be held today.

Generally speaking, municipalities do not favor proposals that would prohibit their adoption of ordinances and circumvent their local control authority. However, it is appreciated that the bill recognizes there are instances when it is appropriate for a municipality to adopt an ordinance that would dictate where and when certain vendor activities could take place.

Due to not having an LPC established position, MMA is submitting neither for nor against testimony but will provide the committee with an update once they have had a chance to discuss the bill.

Thank you for your time.

