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Testimony in Support of LD 1514

(“An Act to Change the Laws Regarding Real Estate Appraisers”)

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Senator Tipping, Representative Roeder and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, my name is Andy Cashman. I am the Founder of Resolve Government Relations. We represent the Maine Association of REALTORS®, a professional trade association established in 1936 with over 6,500 members statewide. REALTORS® protect private property rights, build Maine communities, and grow our state’s economy. Our members represent buyers and sellers involved in both residential and commercial real estate transactions. Our membership also includes industry affiliates, such as lenders, closing agents, title agents, appraisers, building inspectors, surveyors, etc. The Maine Association is chartered by the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR), the largest trade association in the country.

The Maine Association of REALTORS® supports LD 1514. This bill amends the qualifications for certain members of the Board of Real Estate Appraisers and amends the scope of license provisions for residential real property appraisers.

The bill provides additional expertise to the Board, targeting the two public members appointed to the licensing board with industry professionals engaged in banking and lending. We support adding this expertise as a critical perspective needed for oversight of the trade, and our industry as a whole.

For these reasons, we support LD 1514. Thank you for your time and consideration.



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