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Senator Pierce, Representative Gere, and Members of the Joint Select Committee on Housing:

My name is Sam, and I am a resident of Gorham village. I am writing to testify in strong support of LD 1864, "An Act to Increase Maine's Housing Supply by Prohibiting Certain Zoning Requirements where Public Sewer and Water Infrastructure are available and in Designated Growth Areas."

I live Gorham village. It's a quaint area with several local businesses. It is a 15 minute walk from my house. It is a center for jobs. Living near Gorham village does not force me to own a car. In many towns, such quaint, New England style villages are now illegal to build because of onerous minimum lot sizes. This bill will help make building new livable villages more viable in towns where inertia and other priorities have prevented them from taking action. It will bring attention to the major headwind that is large minimum lot sizes. I support this bill and hope it becomes law.

Sam