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LD 1464

Esteemed members of the Taxation Committee,

My name is Lou Simms. I live in Gorham and I currently serve on the Gorham Town Council. I am writing in support of LD1464.

In my experience at the municipal level, Maine towns would benefit from increased flexibility in revenue generation; and towns would also benefit from more tools to better incentivize re-investment that results in more net-positive development our communities. In my view, this bill can achieve both of those goals.

Our current property tax regime often exerts a significant disincentive for land-owners to develop their properties: particularly with high-value uses such as housing, which we so desperately need more of!

This bill is a step in the right direction for our communities, and so I urge you to move this bill forward -- and I thank each of you for your time and commitment to our State's well-being.