

## Testimony of the Maine Municipal Association

### In Opposition to Part A of

### *LD 1857, An Act to Expand Property Tax Relief for Veterans and Their Survivors and to Modify Certain Corporate Tax Expenditures*

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Senator Grohoski, Representative Cloutier and members of the Taxation Committee, my name is Kate Dufour, and I am submitting testimony in opposition to Part A of LD 1857 on behalf of MMA's Legislative Policy Committee, which establishes the association's positions on all municipally relevant legislation.

While municipal officials greatly appreciate the contributions of veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces, the approach envisioned in LD 1857 provides only one category of homeowners any relief. While there are veterans who undoubtedly need assistance in paying property taxes, there are young families, seniors and life-long volunteers who also need relief. Furthermore, absent full state reimbursement for lost property tax revenues, those costs are not only shifted to others in the community, but also onto the intended beneficiaries.

Instead, municipal leaders urge the committee to relieve the pressures placed on all property taxpayers.

Thank you for your time and consideration of the municipal perspective on this issue.