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Testimony of the Maine Municipal Association

Placeholder Testimony

LD 1852, An Act to Promote Equitable Property Taxation by Reducing Valuation Based on Nearby Clean Energy Projects

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Senator Grohoski, Representative Cloutier and members of the Taxation Committee, my name is Kate Dufour, and I am submitting placeholder testimony on LD 1852, because MMA's Legislative Policy Committee has not yet established the association's position on this bill.

Although MMA is providing placeholder testimony, it warrants mentioning that in the process of assessing property, municipal assessors take into consideration a variety of different factors that can increase or decrease the value of a property. As a result, it could be the case that as it pertains to abutting clean energy development projects, related impacts are already taken into consideration. Regardless, municipal officials remain concerned with the impacts of state laws that erode the property tax base. Without full state reimbursement, losses in municipal revenues result in shifts in burdens to the remaining property taxpayers who are left to fund needed, desired and state mandated services.

I will submit amended testimony on behalf of MMA's policy committee as soon as possible. Thank you for your time and patience.