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My name is Cary Tyson, and I live in Westbrook. Please accept this testimony IN SUPPORT of LD 1940, An Act to Revise the Growth Management Law.

I'm proud to stand in solidarity with innumerable level-headed Maine-based groups, including, but not limited to, the Conservation Law Foundation, the Union of Concerned Scientists, and the Maine Conservation Alliance supporting this LD.

Among other things, this proposal:

Emphasizes planning for the future, not the present and the past, with an emphasis on outcomes-based planning.

Lifts the burden of comprehensive planning on communities small and large by eliminating the exhaustive State data checklist.

Gives municipalities the time and flexibility to focus on visioning and to more deeply explore issues of utmost importance to the community.

Provides a tighter, leaner, faster process for working through a local comprehensive plan.

I believe strongly that this will benefit cities such as Westbrook, where I live.

Re-defining "growth areas" with recognizable placetypes such as high-impact coordinators & downtowns is a positive and should be encouraged, not discouraged.

I hope you support this common-sense proposal.

Thank you