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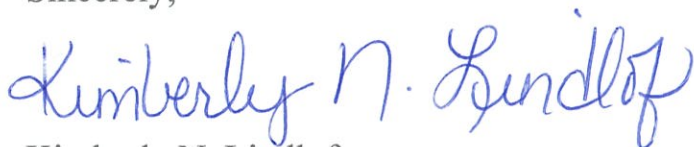
Dear Senator Grohoski, Rep. Cloutier, and Members of the Taxation Committee;

I am writing to express Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce's strong support for LD 1755, *An Act to Increase the Maine Historic Property Rehabilitation Tax Credit in Rural Areas*. As the CEO of a rural chamber that encompasses approximately 20 communities, all of which fall under this defined threshold of "rural", this proposed enhanced tax credit could really assist some of the smaller municipalities and developers taking a chance on these older buildings, in moving projects forward.

Our region has recently seen some development, which has shown us the power of strategic investments and the character that these older buildings can reveal when properly renovated. Once shuttered and still, many buildings in downtown Waterville have had new life breathed into them, for example, but there are still many municipalities that just need that little push to help developers make their projects work. Mid-Maine Chamber believes that LD 1755 could benefit providing that impetus to get rehabilitations in the works.

Again, Mid-Maine Chamber supports LD 1755. I appreciate your time and consideration, and I welcome the opportunity to provide any additional information you may need.

Sincerely,



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