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LD 1927

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Dear Members of the Joint Standing Committee on the Judiciary:

My name is Cynthia Martin, and I'm here today to testify in support of LD 1927: An Act to Protect Housing Quality by Enacting Mold Inspection, Notification and Remediation Requirements

I am for the bill because of my experience in 2024. I relocated in to Maine to accept a job that provided housing. After 2 months of living in provided housing I started to become sick; fever, rash and other symptoms. I noticed there was a small bubble in the wall in the living room, upon inspecting the area I realized it was water behind the wall. I notified the landlords and they had no sense of urgency to fix the issue. The water continued to collect and I became ill my dog was also suffering from a cough, rash and exhaustion. The water damage was not looked at for over 4 days.

Once the maintance man came to view the damage he informed me, there had been water damage last season and they painted over it. The upstairs laundry room had been leaking since the previous season.

I stated that I wanted to damage properly fixed and was told, they were not fixing the building for one tenant and in the end let go of my seasonal position.

I suffer from asthma and unknowingly being in the environment caused me to become incredibly sick, months of doctors appointments, medical treatment and discarding of all my belongings.

Thank the Committee. Urge them to support the bill.

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