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LD 1912

I STRONGLY URGE YOU to vote OUGHT NOT TO PASS on LD1912, An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Address Maine's Housing Shortage. First and foremost, this bond is for \$6M. Yet another tax burden on an already overtaxed State. My taxes have Quadrupled over the last 19.5 years! I can't imagine how much more they will rise with all the spending bills that this Legislature has come up with. These "incentives," a fancy word for money we give away, will supposedly create "Innovative Housing Incentive Programs" to give low-interest loans to new factories to expand and/or weatherize, etc. There will be funds for non-profit housing, rehab funds for aging houses, low-income first buyer loans at low interest, and on and on. It all sounds like it should be a good idea, however, I remember the Brunswick Base plan that spent \$55M on 30 units that were given to low-income "New Mainers" or little or no rent, fully furnished, and only 30% rent, if they got a job. They increased the already hurting infrastructure, flooded our local job market and roads, and over-stressed the small space of the old base with numerous competitor housing. It now looks like a small NYC! Enough already! With people comes overuse of your small towns of Maine, increases in worsening crime, drug activity, and traffic congestion. Not to mention the overuse of already streaked resources. What is worse is that we have put these newcomers ahead of our longtime citizens and discouraged people from coming here because is no longer THE WAY LIFE SHOULD BE! It is citified. PLEASE, I URGE YOU, vote OUGHT NOT TO PASS on LD1912. THANK YOU!