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Testimony of the Maine Municipal Association (MMA)

In Opposition to

LD 1841, *An Act to Modify the Process of Selling Tax-acquired Properties*

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Senator Grohoski, Representative Cloutier and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation, my name is Amanda Campbell, and I am submitting testimony in opposition to LD 1841 on behalf of the Maine Municipal Association's 70-member Legislative Policy Committee (LPC).

While municipal officials have concerns with the recent updates to the process for disposing of tax-acquired property, for a majority of our policy committee members the concern does not lie with sale of property via the open market, but rather with the policy's unintended consequence of more conveniently shifting the responsibility for selling homes from owners to other property taxpayers in the community. As a result, a majority of policy committee members do not believe the additional amendments to the already updated tax-acquired property statute proposed in LD 1841 are necessary at this time.

Thank you for your consideration of the municipal perspective on this important topic. Please feel free to contact any member of the LPC or the MMA Advocacy team with any questions relating to municipal operations.