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Testimony in Support of LD 2057
(“An Act to Support Rehabilitation and Development of Affordable Manufactured
Housing Communities”)

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Senator Curry, Representative Gere, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development, my name is Andy Cashman. I am the Founder of Resolve Government Relations. We represent the Maine Association of REALTORS®, a professional trade association established in 1936 with over 6,500 members statewide. REALTORS® protect private property rights, build Maine communities, and grow our state’s economy. Our members represent buyers, sellers and owners of residential and commercial real estate. Our membership also includes industry affiliates, such as lenders, closing agents, title agents, appraisers, building inspectors, surveyors, and others involved in the real estate industry. The Maine Association is chartered by the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR), the largest trade association in the country.

The Maine Association of REALTORS® supports LD 2057. This bill would give more flexibility for Maine State Housing Authority to better utilize financing tools to support the rehabilitation and development of manufactured housing communities, including mobile home parks, by authorizing construction loans for improvements and the development of additional home sites.

Manufactured housing communities provide a critical source of affordable housing in Maine. Many of these communities require reinvestment in infrastructure or financing flexibility to remain viable and to responsibly expand housing opportunities. Improvements to existing tools which will bring more housing units to the marketplace is a means to improve housing inventory and availability.

MAR supports LD 2057 because it would help address Maine’s ongoing housing shortage by preserving existing affordable housing while enabling modest, thoughtful growth. Supporting rehabilitation and expansion of manufactured housing communities strengthens local economies, protects residents, and contributes to a more stable housing market statewide.

For these reasons, the Maine Association of REALTORS® respectfully urges you to vote Ought to Pass on LD 2057. Thank you for your time and consideration.



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