

To: Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee of Housing and Economic Development

From: David Brewer

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Re: Testimony in support of LD 2212: An Act Making Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2026, and June 30, 2027.

Senator Rotundo, Representative Gattine, and honorable members of the joint standing committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and the joint standing committee of Housing and Economic Development. My name is David Brewer. I am a resident of Orono, a student at Orono High School, and a Rural Youth Organizer at JustME for JustUS. I am writing in support of LD 2122.

As a youth in rural Maine, one of my biggest concerns is the sustainability of infrastructure. In the past few years I have seen a number of people in my community fall victim to the effects of climate change on their housing. I want to live in a future where my quality of life is not negatively impacted by the grade of infrastructure that surrounds me.

Housing is just as essential as any other form of infrastructure- whether that be roads, sewers, or railways. The accessibility and affordability of housing unlocks workforce stability, healthier communities, and countless other opportunities for Maine families. As a high school student, I constantly see the effects that the housing shortage has on my peers.

This legislation has major implications on the quality of life for youth. By passing this legislation, Maine can put the sustainability, accessibility, and affordability of housing at the forefront of the conversation in the coming years.

For all the above reasons, I urge you to vote “ought to pass” on LD 2122.

Sincerely,

David Brewer