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**Maine Mayors Coalition Testimony on 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, Senator Curry, Representative Gere and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committees on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and Housing and Economic Development, the Maine Mayors Coalition is providing testimony in support of Part T-17, a proposed initiative for the Maine State Housing Authority in Governor Mills' supplemental budget.

The Maine Mayors Coalition is a nonpartisan group representing the mayors of eleven Maine communities – Auburn, Bangor, Biddeford, Lewiston, Portland, Rockland, Saco, Sanford, South Portland, Waterville and Westbrook – and nearly 300,000 residents. The Coalition advocates on behalf of our citizens and municipalities for policies that recognize the vital services Maine cities provide and the positive impact Maine cities have on our state. The Coalition seeks to work in partnership with state and federal elected officials to meet the needs of Maine people.

Maine's housing crisis continues to directly impact each of our cities. Every day we see the human and economic consequences that come from the lack of housing supply and the rising costs of homes and rents. Often, our most immediate concerns and constant struggles are finding safe, affordable housing for people.

Our Coalition recognizes the importance of developing housing across a broad spectrum. Part T-17 would do this by creating "more than 300 new affordable homes for ownership and rental across the state through the Rural Affordable Rental Housing Program, the federal Low-income Housing Tax Credit Program and the Affordable Homeownership Program." These programs have a proven record of successfully getting non-market rate housing built for Maine's older citizens and those with low to moderate incomes.

The Maine Mayors Coalition asks you to join us in supporting the funds proposed for these programs in the supplemental budget.

We appreciate the Legislature's commitment to addressing Maine's housing crisis, and we thank you for your efforts.