



Office of the  
Fire Chief



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My name is Jason Frost, and I have the honor of serving as the Fire Chief for the City of Waterville. The City of Waterville is a registered Delegated Review Community, and I am writing today to express our strong support for LD 2223: *An Act to Increase Funding for Construction Plan Reviews and Clarify Rulemaking Authority for Municipal Reviews of Development*.

This legislation is critically important for strengthening the delegated review process across the State of Maine, by adding necessary positions to a department that is currently facing capacity challenges. LD 2223 will help ensure that life-safety reviews are conducted efficiently, consistently, and without unnecessary delays. Our department works with the State Fire Marshal's Office on an almost daily basis, and we see firsthand both the volume of work they manage and the high level of professionalism they bring to every interaction. As Maine continues to grow and expand, these vital services must grow with it.

In addition, LD 2223 provides essential clarifying language that will further define and support the pathways for departments pursuing or maintaining Delegated Review Community status. These clarifications will help create greater consistency in the review

process, improve statewide coordination, and ultimately enhance public safety for all Maine residents.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to support LD 2223. This bill represents a practical investment in Maine's public safety infrastructure, one that will benefit our communities, our businesses, and the people we serve every day.

Thank you for your time and consideration and if there are any questions please do not hesitate to reach out to my office.

Respectfully Submitted

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