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Committee on Housing and Economic Development

Re: LD 2225 – An Act to Support Municipal Enforcement of Residential Construction Laws, Codes and Regulations

To Whom It May Concern,

Please accept this testimony as **strong support for LD 2225**.

As an architect practicing in Maine and working primarily on housing projects, I see firsthand the importance of clear building standards and the ability for municipalities to effectively enforce them. Maine faces a significant housing shortage, and we need policies that allow communities to build safely while also enabling the production of new housing across the state.

The building professionals and code officials responsible for implementing our construction laws play an essential role in maintaining safe buildings and functional communities. Unfortunately, many municipalities lack sufficient resources to support this work. Strengthening the ability of code enforcement officers and the systems that support them will help ensure that building regulations are applied consistently across Maine.

Specific comments:

Sec. 3 – 10 MRSA §9722, sub-6 B

This is a helpful provision. Modular and other off-site construction methods are becoming increasingly important tools in addressing Maine's housing shortage. Allowing in-factory code certification, rather than relying solely on field inspection of finished components, will support efficient and high-quality construction while maintaining safety standards.

Sec. 5 – 25 MRSA §2450-A

Sec. 6 – 30-A MRSA §4451, Sub-3

Sec. 8

Sec. 9

I strongly support these provisions. Dedicated funding sources for code enforcement are critical. Many communities struggle to recruit and retain code enforcement officers, yet these professionals are essential to ensuring buildings are constructed safely and in compliance with state law.

Providing resources to support and train code enforcement officers across Maine is a practical and reasonable step toward improving the consistency and effectiveness of building regulation statewide.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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