



Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development

Testimony of Laura Mitchell, Executive Director, Maine Affordable Housing Coalition

IN FAVOR – LD 2229 – An Act Regarding Municipal Inspection of the Electrical and Plumbing Components of a Manufactured Home

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Chair Curry, Chair Gere, and Honorable Members of the Committee,

My name is Laura Mitchell, and I serve as Executive Director of the Maine Affordable Housing Coalition. MAHC represents 140 business members and more than 3,000 individual members. We advocate for the construction and preservation of affordable homes for all Maine people.

Manufactured housing is one of the most effective ways to provide safe, energy-efficient, and affordable homes quickly. For many Maine households—including working families, seniors, and first-time homebuyers—manufactured housing represents one of the few remaining paths to homeownership.

LD 2229 removes a barrier that slows down housing production without improving safety. Manufactured homes are already inspected during factory construction. Requiring additional local inspections of electrical and plumbing work is redundant, adds cost, and delays placement. Every unnecessary step in the process is another cost added to the price of a home.

This bill keeps safety standards intact but ensures that inspections already completed are recognized. It's a simple, practical fix that will help more Mainers access affordable housing faster.

I urge you to support LD 2229 because in housing, time is money, and every day we remove unnecessary delays, Maine families get closer to a home of their own.

Thank you