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**Testimony in Support of LD 2230
("An Act to Invest in the Construction of Industrialized Housing")**

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Senator Curry, Representative Gere and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development my name is Andy Cashman. I am the Founder of Resolve Government Relations We represent the Maine Association of REALTORS®, a professional trade association established in 1936 with over 6,500 members statewide. REALTORS® protect private property rights, build Maine communities, and grow our state's economy. Our members represent buyers and sellers involved in both residential and commercial real estate transactions. Our membership also includes industry affiliates, such as lenders, closing agents, title agents, appraisers, building inspectors, surveyors, etc. The Maine Association is chartered by the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR), the largest trade association in the country.

The Maine Association of REALTORS® supports LD 2230 because it would encourage the development of more housing types in our state. This bill provides grants or loans to manufacturers of industrialized housing; establishes a construction extension partnership program; and a competitive innovative housing construction pilot program. The passage of this bill would allow for streamlined housing development that is more affordable and requires a shorter time to complete. LD 2230 incentivizes development and addresses a critical component of Maine's housing needs, more supply and less regulation.

As stated in our public policy statement, MAR advocates for the adoption of policies that encourage housing and economic development and availability of all housing types including factory-built housing, modular housing, manufactured housing, tiny homes, and other types of housing for ownership or tenancy. We also support innovations in development and construction techniques and LD 2230 would embrace these policies to more effectively increase the production of housing that our communities and our workforce need.

LD 2230 is an example of policy that responds to the housing needs of our communities and we respectfully urge you to vote Ought to Pass. Thank you for your time and consideration.



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