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TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF LD 912

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A GENERAL FUND BOND ISSUE TO RESTORE HISTORIC COMMUNITY BUILDINGS

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Senator Rotundo, Representative Sachs, and esteemed colleagues on the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs –

I am Sawin Millett and I am pleased to present LD 912, “*An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Restore Historic Community Buildings*,” for your consideration.

This bill is very similar to a bond that was sponsored by Senator Elizabeth Mitchell – which I cosponsored – that was enacted in 2007. This bill seeks approval of a twenty five million dollar general fund bond issue to be used to restore historic community buildings contingent on a 50% local match.

If passed, the application, review, and authorization will be administered by the Director of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission. Community buildings seeking financial assistance in this restoration process need not be on the register of historic buildings but must represent an historic, community purpose.

Thank you for your consideration and I will be pleased to answer any questions that you may have.