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Testimony of the Maine Municipal Association

LD 2030, An Act to Exempt Certain Emergency Activities and Structure Elevation Increases in Flood Zones from Permit Requirements Under the Natural Resources Protection Act

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Senator Brenner, Representative Gramlich and distinguished members of the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, my name is Amanda Campbell, and I am submitting placeholder testimony on behalf of the Maine Municipal Association (MMA), representing the interests of municipal government.

While the 70-member Legislative Policy Committee (LPC), who directs MMA's advocacy efforts and legislative positions, has not had the opportunity to review LD 2030, it will establish an official position at their first meeting of the year on January 18, 2024.

The inclusion of "activity conducted or overseen by...a local government" and references to conformity with "standards contained in the relevant municipal shoreland zoning ordinances," justifies review by the LPC. If this bill has not been voted out of committee before the LPC can vote on a position, I will submit further testimony at that time. In the interim, we appreciate your understanding of the bill's municipal relevance.