

Testimony on behalf of the *Manufactured Housing Association of Maine* by *Tinamarie Smith, President*

Regarding :

LD 337

"An Act to Amend the Regulation of Manufactured Housing to Increase Affordable Housing"

Dear Senator Pierce, Representative Geer and Distinguished Members of the Joint Select Committee on Housing, my name is Tina Smith and I am the President of the Manufactured Housing Association of Maine as well as an owner of my family's 80 year old business State Manufactured Homes which is located in Scarborough. I have been directly involved in the industry for over 30 years.

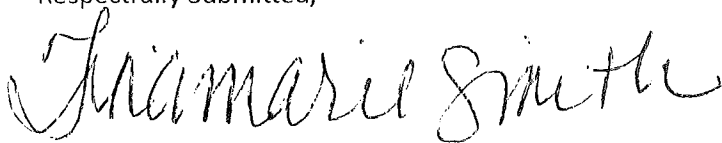
We were not involved in any way in the language of the bill before you today, but we whole heartedly support the bill before you with a suggestion of one section which is Section E which states:

"Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any manufactured (modular)—which is crossed out---that meets construction standards as defined in this section(for state certified manufactured homes adopted pursuant to Title 10 section 9042) which is crossed out and I would like to suggest that we add back in and also add the language to include Federally Regulated HUD code Manufactured Homes---must be allowed in all zones where other single-family homes are allowed."

In my experience, many people are not familiar with factory constructed housing and this would cover what is trying to be achieved without questions from code officials or other outside governing entities.

I am available to answer any questions you may have of me. I can be reached at 207-883-2512 or by email at tina.smith.smh@gmail.com

Respectfully Submitted,



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