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Testimony of Rep. Amy Roeder in support of
**LD 853, RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of
Maine to Establish a Right to Housing**
Before the Joint Select Committee on Housing

Good afternoon Senator Pierce, Representative Gere and honorable members of the Joint Select Committee on Housing. My name is Amy Roeder, and I represent House District 23, which includes a portion of Bangor. I am pleased to support **LD 853, RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish a Right to Housing.**

As the House chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing, and someone who has struggled to help constituents locate safe and affordable housing in Bangor, I will always support initiatives that make access to housing easier for all those involved.

LD 853 would ask Maine voters to decide on whether or not they favor amending the Constitution of Maine to declare that all individuals have a natural, inherent and unalienable right to housing.

By putting this resolution's fate in the hands of voters, we give the people – those who are unable to find affordable housing within the towns and cities in which they work – a part in helping to resolve our housing crisis.

Thank you for your time and consideration.