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***Testimony of Rep. Anne-Marie Mastraccio in support of***  
**LD 2277, Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services**  
**to Convey by Sale the Interests of the State in 3 Properties Located in Biddeford, Sanford**  
**and York**  
***Before the Joint Select Committee on Housing***

Senator Pierce, Representative Gere and esteemed members of the Joint Select Committee on Housing, I am Anne-Marie Mastraccio, representing House District 142, part of the City of Sanford and the village of Springvale. I am before you today to enthusiastically support LD 2277, a Resolve Authorizing the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to Convey by Sale the Interests of the State in 3 Properties Located in Biddeford, Sanford and York.

When the York County Courthouse site selection commission, created by the 127th Legislature, completed their work and chose a site in Biddeford for a consolidated York County Courthouse, we knew the consolidation would leave 3 courthouse buildings vacant. There was some concern over the future of these buildings and a desire to not have them stay vacant too long. These buildings are valuable assets in their communities by virtue of their location and condition. The Biddeford Court House is located in downtown Biddeford across from City Hall and central Springvale village is anchored by their courthouse. The York building is adjacent to a turnpike exit, a valuable commodity in and of itself.

This resolve would allow for the reuse of these buildings for the purpose of creating residential housing. The Sanford Housing Authority is positioned to accomplish this without delay and create much needed housing in downtown Springvale. It is the best possible outcome for all concerned and I urge you to support this resolve with a unanimous committee report.

District 142: Sanford (part) and Springvale (part)