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Testimony of the Maine Municipal Association (MMA)

In Support of

LD 110, *An Act to Require Reporting on the Expenditure of
Opioid Settlement Funds by Certain Municipalities and County Governments*

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Senator Ingwersen, Representative Meyer and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services, my name is Amanda Campbell, and I am submitting testimony in support of LD 110 on behalf of the Maine Municipal Association's 70-member Legislative Policy Committee (LPC).

LD 110 directs municipal, and county governments identified as direct share plaintiff subdivisions receiving opioid settlement funds to file required annual reports outlining the expenditures of the those settlement funds.

Municipal officials managing these settlement funds have been provided with extensive guidance from the Office of the Maine Attorney General*, including resources from MMA's partner, the National League of Cities, as well as the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and the National Association of County and City Health Officials. The approved usages of settlement funds are outlined in the Maine Subdivision 2022 and 2023 Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Opioid Settlement Funds*.

Reporting the expenditure of these funds, in accordance with the legal documents governing the settlement, is a task that municipal officials support.

It is worth noting that this requirement may trigger a state mandate reimbursement requirement under the Maine Constitution, Article IX, Section 21, for 90% of municipal administrative costs.

Thank you for your consideration of the municipal perspective on this important topic. Please feel free to contact any member of the LPC or the MMA Advocacy team with any questions relating to municipal operations.

*<https://www.maine.gov/ag/opioids/resources.html>

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