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Testimony of the Maine Municipal Association

In Support Of

**LD 634 - *Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Reduction of Unfunded and Outdated
Municipal and County Mandates***

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Senator Baldacci, Representative Salisbury and members of the State and Local Government Committee, my name is Rebecca Lambert, and I am providing testimony in support of LD 634 on behalf of the Maine Municipal Association's (MMA) elected 70-member Legislative Policy Committee (LPC). For reference, MMA is a nonpartisan, nonprofit member service organization and aims to help provide policy solutions that work for all residents in Maine and the LPC guides the advocacy efforts and establishes positions on bills of municipal interest.

Unfunded mandates are a topic that our members have discussed on several occasions and is a practice they care to avoid. Municipal officials thank Rep. Tuell for bringing this proposal forward to create a commission to not only study unfunded and outdated mandates, but also to explore and develop recommendations for relieving property owners of the burdens of funding state mandated policies and priorities. Local officials are also grateful that the approach includes municipal voices and MMA and its members would be happy to serve on the commission and assist with the work in whatever way would be deemed helpful.

Occasionally, every business needs to audit their practices to be sure they are still accurate and the most efficient way to conduct their activities. Government at any level is not immune to change and like every business, occasional audits should be conducted to be sure they are operating in the most accurate and efficient manner.

Thank you for your time and for considering the municipal perspective on this issue.



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