

Honorable Committee members - My name is Pat Schwebler, and I am the Co-Program Director of the New England Resident Owned Communities program for the Cooperative Development Institute. I do not support LD # 1067 "An Act to Improve the Process for Mobile Home Owners to Purchase Their Mobile Home Parks." This draft bill does just the opposite.

The organizing of a community takes time and often multiple contacts and visits. Increasing the percentage needed to put forth an offer impedes the opportunity to mobilize quickly and meet the tight timeframe that the community needs to match the competitive offer.

Limiting the number of times a neighbor can contact a neighbor is unenforceable and unnecessary. How would the state of Maine even approach this? How could the state of Maine tell its citizens how to act, what to do, and how to proceed? If residents want to organize and explore the opportunity to become resident-owned together, how can the state dictate free will by law? I ask that you vote Ought Not to Pass.

Thank you for your time today and service to Maine's people.

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