

LD 1145 An Act to Protect Residents Living in Mobile Home Parks

Dear Senator Curry and Representative Gere and Honorable members of the Joint Standing Committee of the Housing and Economic Development,

I am writing today as a Board of Directors member of the Manufactured Housing Association of Maine and as a third generation family member and Vice President of State Manufactured Homes, Inc. located in Scarborough, Maine.

I take issue with the change in language that states "*as a right of first refusal to purchase the mobile home park*" and also with the length of time it will increase from 60 to 90 days. I am certain that this will lower the value of our businesses that we have worked for 81 years and four generations to build and continue to work at today. Quite simply put, it is a taking of our rights and forfeiture of valuable assets that we as citizens of the United State of America hold so dear.

When a version of this bill was first introduced last year, we worked very hard with our counterparts to make sure that the bill was written correctly for both parties and I believe it should stand as it is written in 2024.

Please remember that no one is forced to buy a home in a manufactured housing community and although many family owned businesses, such as ours, are able to provide UNSUBSIDIZED affordable housing, that is not what our business model stands for, nor do we receive government funding to provide needed repairs and the staff to perform daily duties.

Thank you for your careful consideration of the consequences that these alterations may bring, also known as "unintended consequences"

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tinamarie Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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