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Senator Rafferty, Representative Murphy and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. I am Representative Randy Greenwood, proudly representing my friends and neighbors in Litchfield, Monmouth and my hometown of Wales, both in Androscoggin and Kennebec Counties.

I am here today in support of LD 1282, "An Act Regarding Eligibility for Historic Preservation Bond Proceeds."

During our last round of bond questions, the Maine Voters approved the Historic Preservation Bond Initiative.

My neighbors in Monmouth reached out shortly after the bonds were approved. They were concerned that this was limited to historic property that's the subject of the grant application that says it must be listed on the National Register of Historic Places as authorized by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

The town of Monmouth has one special building designated as historic although it's not on the National Registry and went as far as designating it their Municipal Comprehensive Plan as historic. As such, I believe this warrants consideration for these grant funds.

Monmouth Academy has a long list of renowned graduates which you may hear about later, but it also is iconic in the community and for my family. My father, many of my aunts, uncles and cousins were also graduates of Monmouth Academy. My father, up until his recent passing, was active in the Monmouth Academy Alumni which is still a robust and active group. Although a new school has been built, those who attended the original Monmouth Academy want to keep that historic building alive.

As a bill sponsor, I do wish to request a slight amendment for the committee to consider by adding four words. This will be on line 8 of the bill after the underlined language "or Municipal Comprehensive Plan." This clarification would ensure not only my community but all communities in Maine that have designated historic places in their voter approved Comprehensive Plan be eligible to access these funds.

I ask you for your support of LD 1282 and ask for an Ought To Pass as Amended and include "or Municipal Comprehensive Plan" to support preserving our historical buildings.

I thank you for your time and consideration and would be happy to answer any questions today and at the work session.

District 56 Litchfield, Wales and Monmouth