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*Testimony of Rep. Deqa Dhalac in support of*  
**LD 1483, An Act to Validate Certain Referendum Proceedings**  
**Conducted by the City of South Portland**  
*Before the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government*

Senator Baldacci, Representative Salisbury and esteemed members of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government, I am Deqa Dhalac and I represent House District 120, which includes part of South Portland. I am here today to testify in support of **LD 1483, An Act to Validate Certain Referendum Proceedings Conducted by the City of South Portland.**

On November 5, 2024, the City of South Portland voted on two bond referendums. One was \$1 million to finance school maintenance and improvements, and the other was \$3 million to finance school safety improvements.

Both bonds are intended to directly benefit the South Portland public school system, and they were voted into law by a majority of voters in South Portland. This bill simply provides the funding that the South Portland schools desperately need, and funding that the voters have asked for.

We must respect the result of this election and provide this funding to South Portland. I urge you to vote "Ought to Pass" on this important bill.

Thank you for your consideration.