

Testimony of Peter N. Connell

LD 1453 “Resolve to Establish the Innovative Factory-made Housing Working Group”

LD 1375 “Resolve, to Establish a Working Group to Address Regulatory Barriers to Housing Construction”

Senator Curry, Representative Gere, and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee of Housing and Economic Development, my name as you know by now, is Pete Connell and I reside in South Portland, Me. I represent the Manufactured Housing Association of Maine (MHAM) and am here to enthusiastically testify in support LD 1453 and LD 1375.

The Manufactured Housing Association of Maine (MHAM) is a nonprofit trade and professional association whose members are comprised of members that build, sell, site, install, finance Manufactured Homes (HUD Code)/ Modular Housing (Maine Certified Modular Homes) and operate Manufactured Housing Communities and developments.

Established in 1986, the Manufactured Housing Association of Maine is dedicated to the protection and promotion of Maine’s Manufacture Housing Industry through legislative representation, continuing industry education, public relations and communication efforts.

I am originally from Oxford and have been involved with the industry for over 40 years in retail and manufacturing, as well as serving on the Maine Manufactured Housing Board for nearly 20 years, representing Maine manufacturers during that time. We look forward to being an integral part to the helping solve the housing crisis in Maine. On behalf of the Manufactured Housing Association of Maine, we very much look forward to supporting this legislation and participating in these working groups. We feel that by supporting this legislation, the Manufactured Homes built to the Department of Housing and Urban Development standards (post 1976) and Modular Homes built to the Maine State Certified Modular Homes Standard, will allow us to continue to provide well built, energy efficient and quality homes at competitive prices to offer Maine people the highest value homes as possible. We will be happy to answer any questions now and will provide information at the work session as well as actively participating in these much needed work groups. Thank you so much for this Opportunity.