



**LEGAL SERVICES  
FOR MAINE ELDERS**

**Testimony of Marge Kilkelly for Legal Services for Maine Elders  
Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development**

**In support of LD 2149An Act to Protect Affordability in Mobile Home Parks and  
Manufactured Housing Communities**

**January 22, 2026**

Senator Curry, Representative Gere, and esteemed Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development

My name is Marge Kilkelly, and I am here today on behalf of Legal Services for Maine Elders. LSE provides free legal help for Mainers aged 60 and older when their basic human needs are at stake.

LSE serves older Mainers across the state. Our clients are generally low-income, some with medically complex conditions. Most are deeply rooted, contributing members of their communities.

I am speaking today in strong support of LD 2149An Act to Protect Affordability in Mobile Home Parks and Manufactured Housing Communities and thank Senator Reny for bringing this forward.

Every week, our advocates encounter older residents struggling with a variety of housing issues. What has been particularly troubling is to speak with a person who has purchased a mobile home, had it set up in a park and suddenly be faced with exorbitant park rent increases after the park was sold to an investor. The added challenge, as this committee well knows, is that moving a mobile home, if it can be moved at all, is very expensive, buying land, setting up the needed utilities and pad is also expensive – so these people are caught between one unaffordable option and another.

Over the past couple years, the legislature has done amazing work to provide more options for park residents to remain in their homes. We support the effort in LD2149 to strengthen the laws governing parks and appreciate the good work of this Committee.

We urge you to move forward protecting affordable housing in Maine.

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