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Testimony of the Maine Municipal Association

In Support of

LD 2137, An Act to Modify Provisions of Law Governing Parking Enforcement on Property Accessible to the Public

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Senator Nangle, Representative Crafts, and members of the Transportation Committee, my name is Tanya Emery, and I am providing testimony in support of LD 2137. The Maine Municipal Association's (MMA) elected 70-member Legislative Policy Committee (LPC) establishes our positions on bills of municipal interest. For reference, MMA is a nonpartisan, nonprofit member service organization and aims to help provide policy solutions that work for all residents of Maine.

We would like to thank the sponsor for bringing this fix bill forward to address issues with the previous legislation that imposes a tremendous burden on some municipalities. MMA's understanding of the bill and proposed sponsor amendment is that it would keep the existing law intact, requiring the conspicuous posting of fines for parking violations on property accessible to the public, but offer an exemption for municipalities that adopt an ordinance on this issue. Municipal leaders strongly support this amendment because it reinforces the importance of home rule authority and respects the decisions of residents who have invested the resources necessary to develop and enforce local parking ordinances under the authority granted in state statute. If our understanding of the totality of the fix bill and amendment is not correct, we would appreciate clarity for our members.

Thank you for your time and attention to the municipal perspective on this matter. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

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