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Testimony in Support of LD 2224

An Act to Reduce Certain Costs Associated with Residential Construction

Senator Curry, Representative Gere, and esteemed members of the Committee on Housing and Economic Development my name is William St. Michel the Executive Director for Maine Fire Chiefs Association. On behalf of Maine Fire Chiefs Association I am writing to express our support of LD 2224, An Act to Reduce Certain Costs Associated with Residential Construction.

Municipal fire departments across Maine share the goal of supporting safe, sustainable housing development that strengthens our communities while exploring cost saving options. Community Public Safety Plans are built around available resources, capabilities and codes. Unintended impacts need to be examined as part of any process that may have a negative impact on our community's public safety plans.

LD 2224 allows for more in-depth discussion and exploration of options and the associated impacts. We appreciate the opportunity that has been afforded in this legislation and look forward to the process. Thank You!

Respectfully Submitted,

William St. Michel

Executive Director

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