

**Testimony of Patrick Woodcock
Before the Joint Standing Committees on Housing and Economic Development
In Support of L.D. 2229
“An Act Regarding Municipal Inspection of the Electrical and
Plumbing Components of a Manufactured Home”**

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Senator Curry, Representative Gere, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development, my name is Patrick Woodcock, and I am here on behalf of the Maine State Chamber of Commerce, representing a network of more than 5,000 businesses across the state. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of L.D. 2229, “*An Act Regarding Municipal Inspection of the Electrical and Plumbing Components of a Manufactured Home.*”

The Maine State Chamber of Commerce believes it is imperative that we act ambitiously to create a regulatory framework that accommodates innovative building construction techniques. As outlined in the *Housing Production Innovation Working Group report submitted to this Committee in December*, there are regulatory roadblocks to accommodating new construction methods, including factory-produced housing.

This legislation would remove a redundant municipal review of plumbing and electrical work when that work has already been supervised or inspected by a licensed master electrician or plumber during the manufacturing process.

L.D. 2229 is fully consistent with the recommendations of the HPIWG report by removing a bureaucratic barrier to regulatory approval and helping to accelerate the installation of manufactured housing. The Maine State Chamber strongly supports the adoption of L.D. 2229 and appreciates the inclusion of the emergency preamble so this legislation can take effect as soon as possible.