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**Testimony in Support of LD 69 (“An Act to Reduce Duplicative Permitting Review for Projects
under the Site Location of Development Laws”)**

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Senator Brenner, Representative Tucker and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, my name is Andy Cashman. I am a Partner at Preti Flaherty and I am here on behalf of my client, the Maine Association of REALTORS®, which is a professional trade association with over 5600 members state wide. My members represent both buyers and sellers and are involved in both residential and commercial transactions. Our membership also includes affiliates, which are those professionals involved in real estate transactions, such as bankers, closing agents, title agents, appraisers, building inspectors, surveyors, etc. The Maine Association is a member of the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR) which is the largest trade association in the country.

The Maine Association of REALTORS® supports LD 69. The bill increases the upper acreage limit for exemption from Site Location Of Development Act. We believe this change is an effective approach to improve the regulatory environment while balancing environmental protections.

For these reasons, we urge you to support LD 69. Thank you for your time and consideration.



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