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Testimony of the Maine Service Centers Coalition LD 1, An Act to Increase Storm Preparedness for Maine's Communities, Homes and Infrastructure

Senator Curry, Representative Gere and esteemed members of the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development, the Maine Service Centers Coalition is submitting testimony in support of LD 1, An Act to Increase Storm Preparedness for Maine's Communities, Homes and Infrastructure.

The Maine Service Centers Coalition, comprised of 26 towns and cities across the state, articulates the importance of healthy and thriving service center communities, advocates for public policy that supports and contributes to the economic and social viability of our communities, and collaborates with municipal officials, legislators, state agencies and non-profits to pursue quality of life for all who live and work in our state.

LD 1 will establish new programs to provide resources and funds that will prepare our service center communities for the future. Two of the programs – the State Resilience Office and Safeguarding Tomorrow through Ongoing Risk Mitigation Revolving Loan Fund – will offer our cities, towns and regions access to technical assistance, training and funding so we are able to better protect our residents and infrastructure against natural disasters and stormy weather.

We appreciate that LD 1 is a bipartisan effort and recognize Governor Mills, President Daughtry, Speaker Fecteau, Leader Stewart and Leader Faulkingham for their work on this legislation. We urge you to join them in supporting this bill.

Thank you for your time.