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Maine Mayors Coalition Testimony on LD 1 An Act to Increase Storm Preparedness for Maine's Communities, Homes and Infrastructure

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

The Maine Mayors Coalition is a nonpartisan group representing the mayors of eleven Maine communities – Auburn, Bangor, Biddeford, Lewiston, Portland, Rockland, Saco, Sanford, South Portland, Waterville and Westbrook – and nearly 300,000 residents. The Coalition advocates on behalf of our citizens and municipalities for policies that recognize the vital services Maine cities provide and the positive impact Maine cities have on our state. The Coalition seeks to work in partnership with state and federal elected officials to meet the needs of Maine people.

The Maine Mayors Coalition thanks President Daughtry, Speaker Fecteau, Leader Stewart, Leader Faulkingham and Governor Mills for working together to develop and introduce this bipartisan legislation. The programs included in LD 1, especially Safeguarding Tomorrow through Ongoing Risk Mitigation Revolving Loan Fund and the State Resilience Office and Fund, will greatly benefit municipalities across the state.

The grants, loans, information and outreach to be offered by these programs will help strengthen our municipalities' ability to prepare for and respond to future weather events, like the storms that have been ravaging so many Maine cities and towns. The Home Resiliency Program and Fund, too, will provide resources and financial support to help many of our homeowners shore up their properties. Together these programs will fortify our state for the future.

We respectfully ask you to vote ought to pass on LD 1.

Thank you for your time and your efforts.