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All buildings in Maine are required to follow MUBEC, regardless of municipality in which they're built. There are very good reasons for this: to ensure a level of safety, durability, quality, and energy performance in all new homes in the state. Increasing the threshold of enforcement to towns with higher populations undercuts the point of having building codes and is a short-sighted policy. Improving the quality of Maine's building stock is a solid long-term investment for many reasons, primary of which is energy-efficiency, which is directly tied to comfort, health, and durability. Please reject this bill for the good of the state and all its inhabitants.