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LD 445

I am a resident of a town that enforces the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code and a code official for a town that enforces the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code. As a contractor for thirty five years and a code official for the last eight years I have seen the results of poor construction of homes when contractors and homeowners alike are not required to have building code inspections performed or think no one will hold them accountable. LD 445 proposes to stimulate housing production by ensuring that no one except large towns and cities with a population of over 10,000 residents is held accountable to build to the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code. Building codes are in place for the health and safety of residents and are not a deterrent to the production of affordable housing. The only thing that LD 445 will stimulate if passed is substandard housing.

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