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LD 445

As a Municipal Code Officer for smaller towns, one under 4000 residents and one over 4000, I have seen firsthand the consequences of substandard construction—unsafe buildings, fire hazards, and structural failures that put lives at risk. LD 445, which seeks to raise the threshold for mandatory participation in the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (MUBEC) from 4,000 to 10,000 residents, would significantly weaken building safety standards in many Maine communities.

Keeping the threshold at 4,000 ensures that more towns uphold consistent, enforceable safety measures, protecting both residents and first responders. Without these standards, poorly constructed buildings will continue to endanger lives, increase insurance risks, and burden municipalities with costly emergency responses and repairs.

Maine needs strong, consistent building codes—not weaker oversight. I urge you to oppose LD 445 and keep the MUBEC threshold at 4,000 residents.

Sincerely,  
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