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LD 546

I am writing to express strong support for LD546. We desperately need to streamline the construction of new homes in the state. The proposed catalog of pre-approved building types would make development easier and lower-risk for all involved, from the municipalities looking to expand housing to the developers, homeowners, and landowners hoping to build that housing. Plus, this creates an opportunity for the state to guide construction toward sustainable designs and cost-effective materials, based on the input of experts. This can go a long way toward making sure that our state develops and grows in a way that is climate-friendly, and it also helps to keep the cost of housing as low as possible.

As someone raised in Maine, I am excited about the possibility of our state growing and becoming more vibrant and diverse. We need to be able to meet this change and harness its benefits while making sure that longtime residents and newcomers alike have access to good, affordable housing, and that young people (like myself) can purchase homes. LD546 supports municipalities navigating the housing crisis and takes steps toward our vision of strong, affordable communities.

If this initiative moves forward, I would hope that the pre-approved building types in this catalog would prioritize multifamily housing and smart-growth development, as this would take us even further toward meeting our goals of climate-friendly, affordable, abundant housing.