

My name is Nick Beers, and together with my wife Samantha we own and operate three small Mobile Home Communities in the Mid-Coast area. I am writing to express my support for this bill.

Mobile Home Communities and Manufactured Housing Products house the elderly, young families and hard working members of communities. This form of unsubsidized affordable housing is also an equity building opportunity for Mainers. We have heard of instances where local municipalities are down-right hostile towards mobile home parks and use additional licensing and fees to discourage their further development. This bill removes unnecessary barriers and expenses placed on the communities by municipalities. At a time when affordable housing is one of the hot-button issues that we are all working on, any steps that can be taken to simplify licensing, decrease administrative expenses that are unproductive, and enable development of more supply will be a win-win for Residents and Property Owners alike.

For legislators that are interested in approaching the affordable housing problem from the angle of increasing supply, I would like to float an idea to you:

I believe that the "Regulation of Manufactured Housing" statute in Title 30-A Section 4358 can be improved to help reduce the barriers & prohibitive costs associated with expanding the supply of mobile home park lots for the entire state. In our experience, the major barriers for building more pads are relatively low density allowed, paved road requirements, combined with a litany of local permitting hurdles. Please feel free to reach out to us a Longtrackventures@gmail.com if you would be interested in discussing in more detail.

Kind Regards,

Nick Beers