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Dear Committee Member of the 132nd Legislature of Maine,

The Central Maine Apartment Owners Association is a non-profit trade association representing landlords and property managers all over Central Maine. With **over 650** active members, CMAOA is one of the largest organized landlord associations in Maine. Our members own or manage more than **4,000** residential rental units. We provide discounted services, education, advocacy and an active lobbying effort for our members. Our core purpose is to act as an association for the purposes of taking an active role regarding issues facing the apartments owners and managers of the Central Maine area. Including informing and advocating for CMAOA Members, and educating the general public regarding the interests of rental property owners and managers.

Additionally, we coordinate, with our lobbyist Daniel J. Bernier, the other landlord groups across Maine including the Maine Apartment Owners Association, Southern Maine Landlord Association, Greater Bangor Area Landlord and Owners Association, Capital Area Housing Association, Lewiston Auburn Landlord Association, Rumford/Mexico Landlord Association and Farmington Area Landlords. Our mission is to facilitate good working relationships between landlords and renters and quality legislation to helps us do so.

**We ask you to support LD 748:**

**An Act to Increase Bridging Rental Assistance Program Housing Voucher Funding to Reduce the Current Partial Waiting List and Increase Housing Vouchers for Persons Living with Mental Health Challenges.**

This bill will allow rental property owners to prioritize a voucher holder because they will have more secure funding source in order to guarantee their rent. Additionally, many rental housing owners recognize that additional services that organizations that provide funding are a valuable resource for continuing to provide quality housing while meeting the unique needs of their tenants. A rental property owners' ability to a) know when their rent payment will arrive and (b) have a housing partner to provide a holistic housing experience is sought after by our membership.

Thank you for your consideration,

CMAOA Board of Directors

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Central Maine Apartment Owners Association of over 650 members supports LD 748 as a way to increase financial and collaborative supports for the housing community.