

Senator Curry, Representative Gere, and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Housing & Economic Development,

My name is Daniel Davis, I live in southern Oxford County (*Porter, Maine*) and present to you as licensed CEO and LPI in my own community, with no interest other than statutory management and updates that account for various dwelling models.

I am testifying in SUPPORT of [LD 1143](#), ***"An Act to Amend the Law Governing Zoning Ordinance Variances for Persons with Permanent Disabilities."***

Last February, Maine's outdated and unattainable appeal variances were discussed with Sen. Craig Hickman, and these state conflicts with state policy were intended to be shared with the Housing & Development Committee at that time.

In working to align our local regulatory design with our long-term comprehensive and state housing and aging in place goals, our community identified several sections in and around "appeal variances" of **every** type here in Maine (*Title 30-A Section 4353, subsection 4, 4-A, 4-B, and 4-C*) that frustrate State policy to current demographic challenges.

This bill **LD1413** specifically looks at section **4-B and 4-C** in zoning adjustment variance law.

We have to acknowledge that in this day and age that many dwelling models are not narrowly defined as "Single-Family Dwellings", and these alternative dwellings should be allowed variance consideration.

I am testifying in SUPPORT of [LD 1143](#), ***"An Act to Update Language on Setback Variances for Single-family Dwellings and Variances from Dimensional Standards"***

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