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LD 1396

Senator Curry, Representative Gere, and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development;

My name is Ed Libby and in Yarmouth Maine. Please accept this testimony neither in support nor against LD 1396.

I have developed scores of subdivisions all over the state over the past 40 years and am intimately familiar with the current subdivision law, and what I perceive to be some needed changes.

This bill as currently written means well to remove barriers to housing production, but it needs to be amended to make sure that housing production happens in the right places. IF these suggested changes to subdivision law were limited to locations with existing water and sewer infrastructure and growth areas, these changes would be more in line with Policy Action goals of both protecting working lands and removing barriers to housing. As written, there are significant issues. Please pause passage of this bill so that critical changes can be made that will prevent unintended sprawl. Thank you.

Describe your reasons for supporting the bill.