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**TESTIMONY OF THE MAINE ASSOCIATION OF PLANNERS TO THE COMMITTEE
ON HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
WRITTEN TESTIMONY PROVIDED IN SUPPORT OF L.D. 2057**

**"An Act to Support Rehabilitation and Development of Affordable Manufactured Housing
Communities"**

DATE OF HEARING: January 13, 2026

**Honorable Senator Chip Curry, Honorable Representative Traci Gere, Distinguished
Members of the Housing and Economic Development Committee:**

The Maine Association of Planners supports this measure to allow the Maine State Housing Authority to issue construction loans to manufactured housing communities. Where the housing market continues to bar middle and lower income families from home ownership, **manufactured housing provides unsubsidized affordable housing**. The median income for families living in manufactured housing in the Northeast is \$41,000 and these families pay only 16% of their income on housing (2017 American Community Survey). No other unsubsidized housing type provides this.

The Maine Association of Planners continues to support the establishment of and strengthening of Manufactured Housing Communities and urges the committee to support this measure.

Sincerely,

MAP Legislative Policy Committee