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Committee on Housing and Economic Development

LD 2225 An Act to Support Municipal Enforcement of Residential Construction Laws, Codes and Regulations

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this testimony as **strong support** overall for LD 2225. This legislation continues the smart actions taken by the Legislature over the past years, continues to improve the ability of the residents of Maine to improve our towns and cities, and be allowed to construct the dwellings we need for all of the people of Maine.

Maine contractors, designers and code officials need our support. Everyone wants to build a safe and prosperous Maine for everyone, but safe building practices sadly are not common across our state. Our code officials especially need our support to be able to carry out the important work they have been mandated (and should!) perform daily.

Specific Comments below:

Sec 3. 10 MSRA 9722 sub-6 B

Very helpful. Modular and other off-site construction methods need the ability for in-factory code certification, instead of only permitting in-field inspection of finished building components.

Sec 5. 25 MSRA 2450-A

Sec 6. 30-A MSRA 4451, Sub-3

Sec 8.

Sec 9.

Strong support. We need a dedicated sources of revenue to fund the critical work code enforcement officers and their guiding Boards carry out. We also need to train more code enforcement officers all across the state to carry out this difficult but important work. This is very reasonable to enact.

Thank you,



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