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**Maine Mayors Coalition Testimony on LD 2231
An Act to Support Owners of Manufactured Housing, Mobile Homes
and Tiny Homes**

Senator Curry, Representative Gere and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development, the Maine Mayors Coalition is providing testimony in support of LD 2231, An Act to Support Owners of Manufactured Housing, Mobile Homes and Tiny Homes.

The Maine Mayors Coalition is a nonpartisan group representing the mayors of eleven Maine communities – Auburn, Bangor, Biddeford, Lewiston, Portland, Rockland, Saco, Sanford, South Portland, Waterville and Westbrook – and nearly 300,000 residents. The Coalition advocates on behalf of our citizens and municipalities for policies that recognize the vital services Maine cities provide and the positive impact Maine cities have on our state. The Coalition seeks to work in partnership with state and federal elected officials to meet the needs of Maine people.

As you have heard us say, Maine's housing crisis directly impacts each of our cities, and housing is top of mind for all of us. We continue to seek ways we can help preserve existing affordable housing while also developing new affordable housing. Both are critical for our cities – and our state – to thrive.

Our Coalition recognizes that manufactured housing, mobile homes and tiny homes are important affordable housing resources that must be preserved. Several of our Coalition partners are working to assist residents who own mobile homes within their cities. Unfortunately, many of the issues brought to our cities' attention do not fall within the purview of municipal government. So, we look to the state for guidance.

The Coalition appreciates your efforts to strengthen Maine laws protecting the rights of owners of manufactured housing, mobile homes and tiny homes and to clarify the responsibilities of owners of mobile home parks and manufactured housing communities. We respectfully ask for your support of LD 2231 to continue these efforts.

Thank you for your time.