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Testimony of The Maine Municipal Association

Neither For Nor Against

LD 1787 - Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Convene a Stakeholder Group Tasked with a Comprehensive Overhaul and Modernization of the State Subdivision Statutes

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Sen. Pierce, Rep. Gere, and distinguished members of the Housing Committee, my name is Rebecca Graham and I am submitting testimony in neither for nor against LD 1787, *Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Convene a Stakeholder Group Tasked with a Comprehensive Overhaul and Modernization of the State Subdivision Statutes*, on behalf of Maine Municipal Association which represents the interests of municipal government before the state and federal government. The positions of the Association are formed at the direction of our 70-member Legislative Policy Committee, (LPC) who are elected by the selectboards and council of the municipalities in each of the 35 Senate districts in Maine. As a result, the positions represent a wide view of communities with varying resources, rural and urban, and those with ample local resources as well as those with none.

Municipal officials appreciate that this proposed stakeholder group includes municipal representation from elected officials and planners. Additionally, representation should also be considered from Code Enforcement Officers who stand at the nexus of state law, road standards and neighborhood issues.

While officials are not clear what problems the group should review and address, they appreciate a seat at the table as all the duties to review, enforce, and accept fall onto local government. To that end, officials are neither for nor against LD 1787, and thank the sponsor for including their government partners.