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**Testimony in Support of LD 602**  
***An Act to Provide Regional Support to Deliver State and Federal Programs to Cities and Towns in the State***

Representative Gere, Senator Pierce and distinguished members of the Joint Select Committee on Housing, my name is Christine Bennett, I am the chair of the Eliot Planning Board and co-chair of the Eliot Comprehensive Plan Update Committee.

I am writing in support of LD 602 because housing is a regional issue and Maine cities and towns would greatly benefit from technical assistance from our regional planning service providers in addressing this issue locally.

Currently many of our regional service providers are stretched thin due to funding and staffing shortfalls. I urge you to include adequate and timely funding for the additional role and services envisioned in LD 602 in future drafts of this legislative document.

I thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully yours,  
Christine Bennett