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Testimony of the Maine Municipal Association

In Support of,

LD 2158, *An Act to Improve the Housing Voucher System*

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Senator Pierce, Representative Gere and distinguished members of the Committee on Housing, my name is Amanda Campbell, and I am submitting testimony in support of LD 2158 on behalf of the Maine Municipal Association (MMA), and the 70-member Legislative Policy Committee (LPC), who were elected by their colleagues and peers to determine MMA's position on bills of municipal interest.

Municipal leaders recognize not only the need for streamlined and consistent systems, across all aspects of government, but also in the delivery of services to those most in need. The upgrades to the housing voucher system, should LD 2158 pass, will help ensure that housing vouchers in all communities, and from all manner of housing authorities, are issued consistently and in such a way as to be redeemable where need can be met and in a reasonable timeframe.

For all these reasons, the LPC encourages the committee to vote Ought to Pass.

If you have any questions regarding MMA's position on this bill, or other bills with municipal impact, please contact me at acampbell@memun.org