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## Testimony in Support of LD 199 ("An Act to Amend Certain Fish and Wildlife Laws and Related Provisions")

## J. Andrew Cashman on behalf of the Maine Association of REALTORS® March 22, 2021

Senator Dill, Representative Landry and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, my name is Andy Cashman. I am a Partner at Preti Flaherty and I am here on behalf of my client, the Maine Association of REALTORS®, which is a professional trade association with over 5600 members state wide. My members represent both buyers and sellers and are involved in both residential and commercial transactions. Our membership also includes affiliates, which are those professionals involved in real estate transactions, such as bankers, closing agents, title agents, appraisers, building inspectors, surveyors, etc. The Maine Association is a member of the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR) which is the largest trade association in the country.

The Maine Association of REALTORS® supports LD 199. Among other things, the bill allows enforcement of the law prohibiting the abuse of another person's property even when the violator may not be involved in activities like hunting, fishing, or trapping (as required under current law). We have long supported the sanctity of private property rights and believe this bill provides added support and protection of those rights.

For these reasons, we urge you to support LD 199. Thank you for your time and consideration.



