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Testimony in Support of LD 509 (“An Act to Allow a Journeyman Electrician to Supervise 3 Helper Electricians”)

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Senator Tipping, Representative Roeder and members of the Joint Select Committee on Labor, my name is Andy Cashman. I am the Founder of Resolve Government Relations. We represent the Maine Association of REALTORS®, a professional trade association established in 1936 with over 6,500 members statewide. REALTORS® protect private property rights, build Maine communities, and grow our state’s economy. Our members represent buyers and sellers involved in both residential and commercial real estate transactions. Our membership also includes industry affiliates, such as lenders, closing agents, title agents, appraisers, building inspectors, surveyors, etc. The Maine Association is chartered by the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR), the largest trade association in the country.

The Maine Association of REALTORS® supports LD 509. The bill provides an improved process for training electricians by increasing the number of helper electricians a journeyman electrician is allowed to supervise from one to three. As the oldest state in the country, it is essential that we create avenues for job growth within the trades industry for the next generation. There is no shortage of jobs for construction trades as Maine struggles to create more housing. The shortage of tradespeople is but one cause for substantial delays in construction. We cannot solve the housing problem without building and renovating more homes. To do that, we need skilled tradespeople, including electricians

We support this bill because it provides solutions to a multitiered problem. Maine needs more skilled workers contributing to the creation of housing and LD 509 would do this by providing increased opportunities for prospective electricians to learn the trade. For these reasons, we respectfully urge you to vote Ought to Pass on LD 509. Thank you for your time and consideration.



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