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Testimony in Support of LD 545 (“An Act to Exempt a Person Making Electrical Installations in the Person's Existing Bona Fide Personal Abode from Licensing and Permitting Requirements”)

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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 545. The bill would reinstate the option for a homeowner to do their own electrical work on their property without a permit or license – as long as the work conforms to the locally adopted code. Homeowners choosing to complete their own electrical work should have the right to do so at their own discretion. Generally, the types of electrical work that a homeowner would complete themselves are simpler tasks, such as adding an additional outlet or replacing a switch. Requiring a license or permit for such projects hinders a homeowners’ ability to improve their property unencumbered. Homeowners can still request an inspection or call a licensed electrician. This bill reinstates choice for homeowners while being considerate of safety codes to ensure compliance whether done by a professional or by the homeowner themselves.

For these reasons, we support LD 545 and respectfully urge you to vote Ought to Pass. Thank you for your time and consideration.



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