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Neither For Nor Against  
*LD 1240, Resolve, To Review Barriers to Regional Solutions for Housing Choices*

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Senator Hickman, Representative Sylvester and members of the Labor and Housing Committee, my name is Kate Dufour and I am providing testimony neither for nor against LD 1240 on behalf of MMA's Legislative Policy Committee.

Although municipal officials do not object to the housing-related review proposed in LD 1240, it is important that the study focus on identifying options that can be voluntarily used and implemented in communities of varying populations, geographic locations and demographics. All too often studies are conducted and drafted reports left to collect dust because the proposals are difficult to implement locally. As is the case with all of the recommendations offered by the Maine Climate Council, discussions focused on who pays for the cost of implementation and ongoing support is crucial to their success. Taking into consideration that the proposed legislation does point to the need to address mil rate differentials and provide choices to local governments, municipal leaders are cautiously optimistic that the resulting report will provide communities with valuable development tools.