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Neither For Nor Against

*LD 1397, An Act Directing the Maine State Housing Authority To Create a Commission To
Develop a Comprehensive Rental Registry for Multifamily Housing*

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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 1397 on behalf of MMA's Legislative Policy Committee.

Municipal officials believe a rental registry would be a valuable tool, but recognize that state and local resources are finite and stretched thin. It is likely that code enforcement officers, who are in short supply and relied on to provide a variety of different services, would be called on to generate some of the necessary information and data. Increases in workload will add to the challenges associated with recruiting code enforcement officers.

However, municipal officials see no harm in working with the Maine State Housing Authority to explore avenues for implementing a rental registry that takes into consideration limits on available resources.

Thank you for your time and consideration.