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**LD 1656: An Act To Promote Energy-efficient Affordable Housing**

**Sponsor:** Representative Millett  
**Co-Sponsors** Senate President Jackson  
House Speaker Fecteau  
Representative Cuddy  
Representative Gere  
Representative Grohoski  
Representative Pebworth  
Representative Sylvester  
Senator Brenner  
Senator Hickman

I would like to thank the Sponsors and Co-Sponsors for supporting this Bill.

**LD 1656 provides the basic needs to allow the states workforce to remain in the state: affordable housing and a good job.**

This bill is about as basic as you could get. As we all know in order to function in society and grow as an individual, you need a place to live and the means to pay for that place. Currently (and for some time) we have a great need for housing and labor in the state. Here we have an opportunity to address both issues in a responsible manner.

We have heard the need to keep Maine workers in the state, but little has been done to address this issue. This bill addresses the core need for people to have a decent place to live and a job/career with a future, it also offers contractors a solution to keeping Maine workers in the state. The PLA sector ensures real apprenticeship training through registered industry professionals. This allows the individual to learn the full spectrum of what is expected in their chosen field to produce at a professional level which equals their pay and benefit level. Not just for that phase of work or that specific project-this provides a person to learn a trade that will ensure a career which will provide for the individual and their family.

This will teach trades people how to build green efficient housing in our state through a safe/efficient oversight. It will also foster a healthy workforce for many years.

**I urge you to support LD 1656 as This address many of Maines concerns for a sustainable workforce.**

Thank you for your time,  
John Leavitt