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To members of the committee-

Having read through this proposed legislation, LD 2003, I am appalled that it is even being considered given the terrible examples already having been set by central planning of this sort that place unelected bureaucrats in positions of power to dictate and eradicate local zoning or planning input.

This LD 2003 uses financial "grants" as the initial vehicle here-- to insinuate the ideology of a politically appointed board into cities and rural towns to coerce the locals into accepting whatever this unelected board determines is, in their view, "in the interests of the state" essentially.

My firm belief is that people in Maine want the state and federal government to be less involved in their lives in exactly this sort of over-reaching and controlling manner.

I urge you to reject this bill entirely.

Respectfully,