

**Testimony by Abigail Beal**  
**In Opposition of LD 2003, “An Act To Implement the Recommendations**  
**of the Commission To**  
**Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Zoning and**  
**Land Use Restrictions”**

Senator Daughtry, Representative Sylvester, and members on the Committee on Labor and Housing, my name is Abigail Beal of Cherryfield, Maine. I am writing in opposition to LD 2003.

I do not believe that the state should be involved in legislating how municipalities will allow land to be used or developed within those towns or be required to comply with state regulations regarding such matters as population density, housing opportunities, zoning, or development opportunities. Rather, I believe that these types of decisions should be made locally at a town level.

Furthermore, current regulations are already too restricting and over-reaching without municipalities spending more money on further researching and imposing more laws upon their townspeople.

We are supposed to be the "land of the free," not the "land of the regulated and dictated."

I urge you to vote, "ought not to pass." Thank you for your time and consideration.