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LD 2003

Labor and Housing,

Please oppose LD2003. This piece of legislation strips a town's right to regulate its growth and makes compulsory the development of lower income housing, even if this housing exceeds the cap on population density established by town residents. Basically it allows non-elected officials in Augusta to direct the growth of towns regardless of a town's individual situation or the residents' vision to maintain rural character. Giving unelected officials control over growth can only be detrimental to natural resources in our towns and damaging to Maine. Local control over our towns is crucial to maintain the wishes of the residents who reside in these towns. I have served on our town's Planning Board for 13 years, four of them as Chair. We are careful to construct Ordinances which control growth because we recognize and respect the wishes of residents who live here. We have taken surveys and overwhelmingly the residents want to maintain the rural character of our small town, this is why they live here. Please vote NO on LD2003.