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LD 2003

To members of the Legislative Committee on Labor and Housing:

We are writing to express our opposition to LD 2003. This proposed legislation is an overreach of state government. Local municipalities should be able to determine the characteristics of their neighborhoods and communities. This legislation proposes that a community:

“may not adopt an ordinance that caps the number of building or development permits each year for any kind of residential dwellings, including but not limited to building or development permits for affordable housing.”

Zoning and building development and the rate of development should be left to representatives elected by the taxpaying citizens of each municipality! State government should not be over-regulating the growth and development of rural, suburban areas and that is exactly what LD 2003 is proposing!

The legislation is also proposing creating more state bureaucracy (thus more state spending!) by providing “technical assistance”; developing a “grant program”; a “municipal incentive program”; and “adopting rules” for more affordable housing development, going so far as to spell out the limitation of “off street parking spaces” required.

We strongly urge that this bill, LD2003 OUGHT NOT TO PASS!

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