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Labor & Housing Committee  
Augusta, Maine  
Re: LD 2003

To: Labor & Housing Committee

I am writing to state that I am in complete opposition to the above proposed legislation. The State of Maine legislature has Required all municipalities to write and adopt:

- land use ordinances
- comprehensive plan
- zoning ordinances

The basis for imposing the construction and approval at the locale level, is that the inhabitants of the community is the most knowledgeable of their community and should govern the development, both in nature and locations of their community. The proposed legislation, trashes the established procedure and negates the long standing process, that has provided each and every individual community to establish it's own character.

If Freeport wants a McDonald's store to fit their village character and be located on the out-skirts of town, that is their choice. They need not allow the traditional architecture and location that McDonald's stereotypes from Augusta to Portland.

Advancing any type of legislation of the type proposed would be a travesty to locale governance and locale character. YOUR NO vote protects locale communities.

Respectfully,

Arlo Redman III

PS: I have served on municipal planning board, city council and currently as a selectman of our small community.