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LD 2003

Regarding LD 2003, "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission to Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Zoning and Land Use Restrictions," sponsored by Speaker Fecteau and cosponsored by Senator Hickman. My name is David Reed and I reside in Rockport, Maine. I urge you to vote "NO" on LD 2003 H.P. 1489. Zoning is a local matter, and proper use of private property must be decided at the local community level without a top down intrusion by a State or Federal government into personal property rights. This dictating local land use from afar is little less than eminent domain. In any estate planning, a person's home is often one of his most important assets and usually represents a life-long investment in family wealth and labor. Zoning laws are an assumed, unspoken contract with the community to respect and protect that investment. This legislation is a nothing less than a frontal attack on private property rights. Furthermore, it does not justify the designation as an emergency bill demanding this expedited legislative treatment and should be permitted a more timely and better review by the public at large. Please vote "NO" on LD 2003.

Respectfully,
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