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LD 2003

I write in opposition to LD2003.

Every town in this great State of Maine is different--with different Comprehensive Plans that community members put lots of time, effort and energy into working together to create a plan for the next 10 years. Cape Elizabeth has created "our plan"...not Auburn's or Waterville's or Belgrade's plan...it is tailored to the needs of the citizens of Cape Elizabeth.

This past year the voters of Cape Elizabeth spoke out against a project that did not fall in line with our Comprehensive Plan. The developers needed 5 different variances for its approval. Over a 1,000 citizens signed petitions in a little over 2 weeks (that is 1/6 of the voters in our town) because the project's location was not right. I am not against affordable housing--I welcome the developers that can follow our Comprehensive Plan and create it in an area that does not impact "single family homes".

This bill proposes a statewide "one-size-fits-all" mandate that takes away local control from its citizens.

Who better than "local citizens" should be making decisions for their town?

A proposed "statewide appeals board" who would have the power to overrule our "local zoning laws" somehow doesn't make sense to me?

I would urge you to please consider the ramifications of this bill and urge you to vote LD2003 "ought not to pass".

Sincerely,

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