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LD 2003

I am writing in support of LD 2003 and urge it's passage in whole. My wife and I have experienced the impact of the housing crisis in Maine directly through both our adult children. One was continually shut out of obtaining their first home due to the current market situation (despite being married and both spouses having employment). Our other child is basically homeless despite working full time at a minimum wage job. We have seen the desperate situation of many Mainers first hand and realize that this is a true crisis that requires immediate, whole hearted interventions along with wise long term planning. LD 2003 is a good start in doing both. It provides tools to address statewide inequities in housing planning/development and gives people a chance to provide for family members through accessory dwellings. Along with its other provisions, LD 2003 is necessary to getting some state wide provisions to help desperate Mainers in need of basic housing opportunities. This is a state wide crisis affecting youth, the elderly and families. There are currently 25,000 Mainers on affordable housing waitlists statewide. And, any one of us is vulnerable to today's drastic economic reality which requires swift, meaningful action and bipartisan state leadership now. Please pass LD 2003.