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To: Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee

Re: Support of LD 1107

Dear Valuable Representatives of the People of Maine:

I am writing as a person with a small investment in rental property in support of LD 1107. I am a small landlord in Central Maine. Positive turnover (tenants moving on a consistent basis) is very important to my business plan to keep my properties refreshed and safe. One of our distinct missions as owners is to educate tenants on how to be a good tenant while they reside in our units but also, how to work toward being homeowners themselves.

One of the benefits of “small” landlords like us is that we are invested in the communities that we own property in. My goal is to provide safe, quality housing with excellent tenant/owner communication. I want to have my current tenants become my future neighbors.

LD 1107 would assist landlords like us in helping tenants to become homeowners by exploring the options of reporting on time rental payments to boost their credit scores. Although there are currently ways to do so, I currently do not do this because of the risk factor of dealing with sensitive personal information. To allow an agency like Maine Housing to begin this process could open doors for many people almost immediately.

Please vote in FAVOR of LD 1107 as it is written. Thank you for your consideration.

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