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Senator Joseph Baldacci, Senate Chair Representative Ann Matlack, House Chair Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government c/o Legislative Information Office 100 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

Re: LD 621

Dear Senator Baldacci, Representative Matlack, and Distinguished Committee Members:

We are writing in support of LD 621, An Act to Increase the Number of Franklin County Commissioners. This bill would expand the number of County Commissioner Districts and Commissioners from the current three (3) to five (5). We believe this change would increase the efficiency of Franklin County government by improving the representation of the citizens, particularly those residents of the high valuation communities of Carrabassett Valley, Rangeley, and Jay.

History has shown repeatedly that increasing the number of decision makers results in better decision-making and enables a greater voice for citizens. For these reasons, we offer our wholehearted support for LD 621.

Respectfully,

Matthew W. Smith, Chairman

Joshua H. Bell

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