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**Testimony in Support of the Amendment for LD 1513 (“An Act to Require the Maintenance of a Discontinued Public Road That Provides the Sole Access to One or More Residences”) As Proposed by ROADWays**

**J. Andrew Cashman on behalf of the Maine Association of REALTORS®**

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Senator Baldacci, Representative Matlack and members of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government, my name is Andy Cashman. I am a Partner at Preti Flaherty and I am here on behalf of my client, the Maine Association of REALTORS®, which is a professional trade association with over 6,200 members statewide. Our members represent both buyers and sellers and are involved in both residential and commercial transactions. Our membership also includes affiliates, which are those professionals involved in real estate transactions, such as bankers, closing agents, title agents, appraisers, building inspectors, surveyors, etc. The Maine Association is a member of the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR) which is the largest trade association in the nation.

When this bill was originally heard last year, we provided testimony in support. We understand a great deal of work has been done with this bill and the proposed amendment to create the Maine Abandoned and Discontinued Roads Commission. While we support that amendment, we share the concerns expressed by Roberta Manter, Maine ROADWays, and support her proposed language for one commission appointee to be a resident on a private road, not just an owner.

With this additional amendment, we urge you to vote Ought to Pass on LD 1513. Thank you for your time and consideration.