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Testimony of the Maine Municipal Association

In Support of

LD 1522- An Act To Update and Eliminate References in Statute to Aldermen, Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor

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Senator Baldacci, Representative Matlack and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government, my name is Rebecca Graham, and I am providing testimony in support of LD 1522 on behalf of MMA at the direction of our 70-member Legislative Policy Committee.

Municipal officials are already using gender non-specific terms to refer to their elected and appointed positions with long historic connections to the role that are no longer fit for purpose.

That said, there are some legal concerns MMA has with the drafted language. I am attaching the preferred approach to updating this section of law that would not conflict with other statutes.

Officials hope the committee supports the measure proposed in LD 1522 and we thank Rep. Doudera for bringing this language forward.