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Testimony of the Maine Municipal Association

In Support Of

LD 50 - An Act to Provide the Right of First Refusal to Towns in Which the University of Maine System and Similar Quasi-independent State Entities Are Selling Property

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Senator Baldacci, Representative Salisbury and members of the State and Local Government Committee, my name is Rebecca Lambert, and I am providing testimony in support of LD 50 on behalf of the Maine Municipal Association's (MMA) elected 70-member Legislative Policy Committee (LPC). For reference, the LPC guides MMA's advocacy efforts and establishes positions on bills of municipal interest.

Although our members showed unanimous support for LD 50, they also questioned why this proposal has been brought forward. Municipal officials are hopeful the intent of this bill would be to provide communities with the right of first refusal for public property selling within their boundaries, currently owned by the University of Maine system or other quasi-independent state entities and maintained for the public good.

Local leaders appreciate the grace afforded to municipalities in this bill, giving the appearance of partnership and collaboration between state and local government agencies.

Thank you for your time and for considering the municipal perspective on this issue.



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