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LD 422

An Act to Require the State to Obtain Municipal Approval Before Placing
Noncitizens in the Municipality

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To the Honorable Members of the State and Local Government Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for LD 422, which requires the state to obtain municipal approval before placing noncitizens in a municipality.

I believe that local communities have the right to be informed and involved in decisions that directly impact their resources, public services, and community dynamics. By requiring municipal approval, this bill ensures that local governments maintain the authority to manage population growth, public safety, and resource allocation in a manner that is sustainable and considerate of community needs.

Maine's municipalities are diverse, and each community has unique capacities and challenges. This legislation recognizes the importance of local autonomy and allows municipalities to assess their readiness and resource availability before accepting new populations.

Moreover, engaging local governments in the decision-making process fosters transparency, accountability, and community trust. It ensures that elected officials and community members have a voice in shaping policies that affect their neighborhoods.

I believe that LD 422 promotes a fair and responsible approach to population resettlement by respecting the authority of municipalities and empowering local leaders to make informed decisions.

I urge the committee to support LD 422 and ensure that municipalities have a say in decisions that impact their communities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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