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Kate Snyder, *Mayor*



To: Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing

From: Portland City Council's Legislative Committee

Date: March 11, 2022

Re: LD 1673 (An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Zoning and Land Use Restrictions)

Testimony in Support of LD 2003, An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Zoning and Land Use Restrictions

Senator Daughtry, Representative Sylvester, and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing:

The Portland City Council's Legislative Committee writes to you in support of the policy goals represented in LD 2003, An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Zoning and Land Use Restrictions.

We believe this bill represents an important step toward increasing housing opportunities and affordability throughout the state. The City of Portland has already introduced many of the solutions or solutions similar to those recommended in the Commission's Housing Report, and have found them to be helpful in guiding housing development in our municipality.

In addition to our support for LD 2003, we also recommend that the Joint Committee ensure flexibility in the bill text as needed, to ensure that it can accommodate the varied needs, contexts, and constraints faced by Maine municipalities.

Thank you for your consideration.

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