



# MAINE AFFORDABLE HOUSING COALITION

## Joint Standing Committee on Housing & Economic Development

### Testimony of Laura Mitchell, Executive Director, Maine Affordable Housing Coalition, 3.11.25 in favor of LD255 – An Act to Support Mobile Home Residents in Purchasing Their Mobile Home Parks Sponsored by Senator Joseph Baldacci

Hello, Senator Curry, Representative Gere, and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development.

My name is Laura Mitchell. I am the Executive Director of the Maine Affordable Housing Coalition. MAHC is a nonprofit with 140 member organizations working to create and preserve affordable homes in our state. **MAHC is in favor of LD255 that will provide one-time funding for the Mobile Home Park Preservation Fund.**

The coalition supported the original law in 2023 that requires owners of mobile home communities to notify residents when an owner intends to sell, ensuring that residents have the opportunity to organize and submit a purchase offer. MAHC further supported the inclusion of the new Mobile Home Park Preservation Fund in the last budget to help stabilize the cost of future rents when residents purchase their park.

This fund has already helped secure nearly 500 affordable homes for Maine families, but more funding is needed to keep this program going. There are 476 mobile home parks in Maine and many are at risk of being sold for profit leaving residents at risk.

**The Mobile Home Park Preservation Fund is a cost effective way, to make a one-time investment and preserve hundreds of affordable homes.**

MAHC testified in favor of including the Mobile Home Park Preservation Fund in the budget, and we appreciate this opportunity to speak in favor of LD255.

Thank you for considering this investment in maintaining access to affordable housing in Maine.

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