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March 19th, 2024

To: Maine Revenue Services; Tax Portal Committee
Maine Revenue Services Director, Meg Hodgkins

RE: Maine Revenue Services Tax Portal

Dear Director Hodgkins and members of the Tax Portal Implementation Team;

We, the Commissioners of Cumberland County, write in support of incorporating the Maine Registers of Deeds Association into the planning process for collecting the Real Estate Transfer Tax through the Maine Revenue Services Tax Portal.

We understand that Maine Revenue Service (MRS) is planning to move the collection of the Maine Real Estate Transfer Tax to the Maine Revenue Services Tax Portal in October, 2024. The Registers of Deeds, at the request of MRS, created a tax portal implementation team in hopes of working cohesively with MRS on the implementation of the new software.

It's our understanding that there has been no communication informing the Registers of the actions required to ensure they are following correct procedures with the portal. In addition, the Registry will be fielding questions from the public. It is critical that our Registry staff has the appropriate answers for our constituents regarding the tax portal. We are asking Maine Revenue Service to contact Cumberland County Register Jessica Spaulding to ensure compliance with the County's recording software.

We greatly appreciate your time and effort in helping enhance communication between Maine Revenue Service and the Maine Registry of Deeds Association.

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Respectfully submitted,

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