



TAKE ACTION!

One of the most impactful things you can do for your business is to have a voice at the Maine State House.

TODAY - please participate in the virtual portion of the Maine Association of REALTORS® Rally by responding to the Call for Action and TAKE ACTION which

sends an email to your legislators. If you can't remember if you responded, please try again. The system won't let you take action twice.



HOW TO TAKE ACTION:

1.) From Your In-box: Find the email that was sent to you at 8:00 a.m. yesterday morning (April 6) with "Take Action" in the subject line. The email was sent from the Maine Association of REALTORS® (claire@mainerealtors.com). Click on the TAKE ACTION button and then "Send Message" on the right-hand side.

2) Can't Find the Email?

- a) Visit our [Rally website](#)
- b) Click on the **TAKE ACTION** button/link at the top
- c) Add your name and home address on the bottom right side of the page. Your Maine legislators' contact information will auto-populate and send.
- d) You may be sent an authentication code to your email to enter to verify your email address.
- e) Remember to click on the "Send Message" at the bottom – and your voice has been heard!

MAR's REALTOR® Rally Call for Action asks Legislators to:
Support:

- LD 226 and LD 1074 for the development of affordable housing

Oppose:

- LD 804 which would increase the notice period to terminate a tenancy at will
- LD 557 eviction history could be considered discriminatory
- LD 214 and LD 1154 which weaken PL 672 (ADU's and zoning reform)
- LD 843 and LD 667 which increase Maine's income tax for certain income brackets

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- LD 996 and LD 1298 which would allow local option taxes

You can [search and read the legislative bills here](#)

**Take Action
NOW!**



THANK YOU!

THANK YOU to the Maine REALTORS® and Affiliate members who rallied to protect your real estate business at the Maine State House yesterday. Senate President Jackson and Ryan Fecteau from the Governor's office addressed the rally and our members connected with their legislators to discuss private property rights, the need for housing supply, and tax policy. We fed lunch to 400+ Association members and legislators! Your presence on Rally day makes a difference! [Check out more photos of our day here!](#)

DID YOU KNOW?

The real estate industry in Maine accounted for \$15.7 billion or 18.6% of Maine's gross state product in 2022. [For more economic impact information, review the Rally Talking Points](#)

MAR WEBSITE: ADVOCACY TAB:

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Check back regularly to the Advocacy tab on <http://mainerealtors.com> for legislative updates, to search legislative documents, and to listen and/or watch public hearings at the Maine State House. We're already tracking more than 250 legislative bills that could impact your business, and we expect many more before the legislative session ends in June.

APRIL IS FAIR HOUSING

MONTH: April 2023 marks the 55th anniversary of the 1968 landmark Fair Housing Act. Each year REALTORS® recognize the significance of this event

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and reconfirm our commitment to upholding fair housing law as well as our commitment to offering equal professional service to all in their search for real property. [Click here for more information](#)



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To review Article 10 and the Standards of Practice: [Click Here](#)

THE FAIR HOUSING ACT: WHERE IT STARTED AND HOW IT'S GOING

NO-COST EDUCATION COURSE

APRIL 11, 9:00 – NOON VIA ZOOM

(Approved by the MREC for 3 Clock Hours of CE Credit)

Course Instructor: National Educator Trista Curzydlo, Esq.

Course Sponsor: Maine Association of REALTORS®

In recognition of April's Fair Housing Month, the York County Council of the Maine Association of REALTORS® invites you to this **free education course**. The course content will follow the history of the Fair Housing Act, formal amendments to the Act, and interpretations from HUD and the DOJ about how the Act will be enforced. The course will cover new technologies and how real estate licensees advertise and how regulatory bodies enforce advertising regulations. You'll learn best practices about using new media. The Equal Access Rule of 2012, Housing for Older Persons, Sexual Harassment and Disparate Impact will also be covered.

[Learn more and register here](#)

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