

# WHAT'S UP IN AUGUSTA?

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## Rally Day Recap!

**Thank you** to everyone who came to Augusta on April 6th to rally at our Maine State House, what an impact we made! Not only did we get acknowledgement in both the Senate and the House chambers, addressed by Senate President Troy Jackson and the Governor's Office Advisor, Ryan Fecteau, we also were mentioned in legislator newsletters and were the "talk of the town" that day.

In partnership with our in-person event, we are pleased to share that **90% of our Maine State Legislature** received an email message from a Maine REALTOR®!

**That is advocacy at work, so thank you for your efforts!**

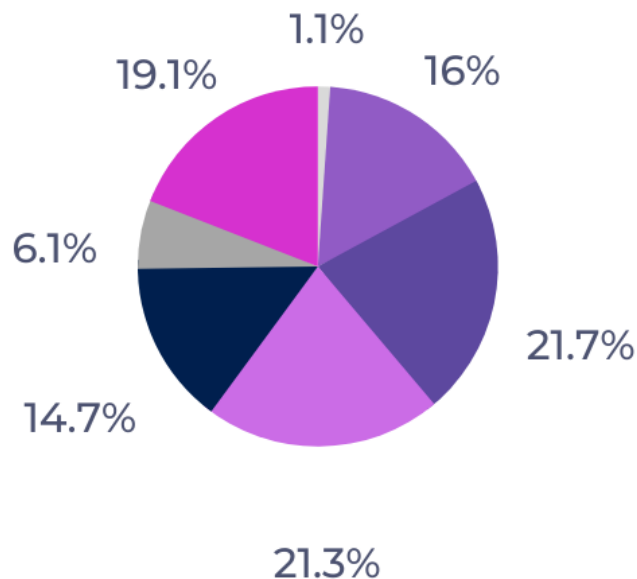
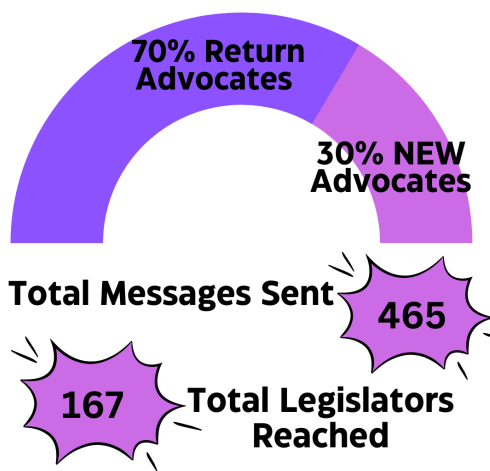


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As mentioned, we contacted 90% of our Maine Legislature through email messaging during our Rally week.

30% of Advocates were first time responders to Call for Actions-- YAY! 70% are return advocates-- Thank you for helping to protect our industry & private property rights!

Of 186 Legislators, 167 received at least one email from a REALTOR®, some received multiple messages.



**Above is the Breakdown of Local Association participation in the Call for Action:**

- GBAR: 67 members, 14.7% of total advocates. **8% of GBAR engaged in the CFA**
- GPBR: 97 members, 21.2% of total advocates **5.6% of GPBR engaged in the CFA**
- KVBR: 99 members, 21.7% of total advocates **15.7% of KVBR engaged in the CFA**
- YCC(of MAR): 73 members, 16.1% of total advocates **5.7% of YCC engaged in the CFA**
- MCAR: 5 members, 1% of total advocates **2.3% of MCAR engaged in the CFA**
- Mid Coast: 28 members, 6.1% of total advocates **4.8% of MC engaged in the CFA**
- MTS: 87 members, 19.1% of total advocates **8.3% of MTS engaged in the CFA.**

**Thank you for your efforts, and  
a special shoutout to  
Kennebec Valley Board of REALTORS®  
for top percentage of member engagement  
on our statewide Call for Action!**



**Advocacy *WINS!***

**WIN!**

**LD 851: An Act to Clarify That Maine Holds Title to Its Intertidal Lands** has been "placed in the DEAD file" which means we have successfully defeated the proposal to take the intertidal lands from the upland owners!

**LD 557: An Act to Decrease Discrimination Based on Evictions in Housing Applications** "DEAD" as of 4/12/2023

**Private property rights remain INTACT!**

## What has the Legislative Team been up to?

Recently, MAR provided testimony on several bills, here are a few examples:

### Joint Select Committee on Housing:

- LD 214, LD 665, LD 1154 (Oppose)- all would delay or remove provisions of PL 672, commonly referred to as LD 2003 that we supported last session ([view testimony here](#))
- LD 654 (Support) -Directs FAME to establish a Pilot program that would financially incentivize the construction of ADUs, and buy down rates for loans for ADUs ([view testimony here](#))

### Joint Standing Committee on Taxation:

- LD 1225 (Support)-Increases amount of the Property Tax Fairness Credit ([view testimony here](#))
- LD 1153 (Oppose)- Removes the municipal personal property tax exemption for solar energy equipment ([view testimony here](#))

### Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology (EUT):

- LD 1101 (Oppose)- Would require energy scoring on homes ([view testimony here](#))

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