



Auburn Planning Board
City of Auburn
60 Court Street
Auburn, Maine 04210

May 5, 2023

RE: Zoning Ordinance Amendments to General Business, General Business II, and Industrial Districts

Dear Planning Board Members:

I am writing in support of the proposed amendments to the General Business, General Business II, and Industrial Districts to increase the total allowed building coverage from thirty percent to sixty percent. I am a Construction Executive with Manganaro Northeast and we operate a manufacturing facility, Prehung Doors, LLC on the property located at 353 Riverside Drive in Auburn. We support the proposed amendment because it is consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan and it is generally good urban planning to allow higher density in business and industrial zones to encourage economic investments and growth in the City.

In order for our business to remain in Auburn, we need to expand our building. In planning our expansion, we realized that the allowed building coverage for our property is only thirty percent, which seemed low for a general business zone. Because the existing building on our property covers approximately twenty-five percent of the lot, we have very little room left to expand. I imagine that there are other business in our same boat, and some that may have already been forced to leave the City because they outgrew the requirements. The proposed amendments would allow us to construct a meaningful expansion that would allow us to stay and grow as part of the community in Auburn.

We appreciate the Board's time and attention to these amendments and ask that you recommend their adoption to the City Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Joe Tardif' in a cursive style.

Joe Tardif