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U.S. Sen. Angus King meets with Avesta Housing to discuss housing needs and solutions

PORTLAND, Maine — U.S. Sen. Angus King (I-Maine) met with Avesta Housing leadership on Nov. 1 at Porter Station, Avesta’s newest affordable housing development in Portland, for a roundtable discussion on the housing crisis; Avesta’s work to provide safe, quality, affordable homes to people in need; and ways federal legislation can address the growing need for housing in Maine and nationwide.

The hour-long discussion, which was proposed by Sen. King, focused on finding solutions to the many challenges faced by an increasing number of people who struggle to find a safe, quality, affordable place to live, from renters struggling to keep up with rising housing costs to first-time homebuyers who are being priced out of the real estate market. Avesta staff provided information on how their organization is addressing those challenges — including building more affordable homes; connecting Avesta residents to services that help them achieve and maintain housing stability; advocating for legislation that supports affordable housing; and acquiring, restoring, and selling homes at affordable prices through a program that Avesta recently launched.

Sen. King and Avesta staff also discussed how recent bipartisan legislation introduced in Congress could help reduce some of the barriers to affordable housing and homeownership, such as the [Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act](#), the [Historic Tax Credit Growth and Opportunity Act](#), and the [Farmhouse-to-Workforce Housing Act](#), all of which were co-sponsored by King.

“Sen. King cares deeply about housing and shares Avesta’s vision to provide more affordable homes to people in need, increase opportunities for homeownership, and promote housing stability for residents,” said Avesta Housing President & CEO Rebecca Hatfield. “We were honored to host the senator and his staff and are inspired by his ideas to address the housing crisis at the federal level. We look forward to working together with Sen. King to address the need for safe, quality, affordable housing.”

PHOTO: U.S. Sen. Angus King (I-Maine) with Avesta Housing senior leadership staff at Porter Station in Portland, Maine, on Nov. 1. L-R: President & CEO Rebecca Hatfield, Resident Services Manager Nick Kjeldgaard, Sen. Angus King, Director of Real Estate Development Patrick Hess, HomeOwnership Center Director Nicole DiGeronimo, Senior Vice President of Finance & Administration Eric Boucher and Vice President of Property Management & Resident Services Amanda Gilliam (Avesta Housing photo)

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About Avesta Housing

Avesta Housing is a nonprofit affordable housing provider with more than 50 years of experience as a leader in affordable housing development and property management in Maine and New Hampshire. The organization is headquartered in Portland, Maine, and operates more than 100 affordable properties, more than 3,100 apartments and two assisted living facilities, providing safe, affordable homes for 4,700 people every day. An additional 800 new homes are in the development pipeline. Avesta has been named a Best Place to Work in Maine in 2024. Avesta’s mission is to improve lives and strengthen communities by promoting and providing quality affordable homes for people in need. www.AvestaHousing.org

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