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LD 45

LD45 is a bad idea.

LD45 will make it harder for Landlords, who are business owners in our communities to actually stay in business.

Our role of providing safe and affordable housing for the residents of Maine will be put in jeopardy by this bill as the quality of housing will suffer by default.

LD45, would make it much easier for a tenant being evicted to claim the eviction is retaliatory. We, as landlords and property managers, almost never evict good tenants, it is counter to good business practices. Evictions for those who do not know, are already expensive and a time consuming process. If we start an eviction, we do so for very good reasons. Allowing tenants to just claim it's retaliatory and end the process makes no sense and will not benefit the state of housing in Maine. You will impact individuals who are business owners in our communities and therefore negatively impact housing Maine desperately needs.