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LD 1710

My name is Ned Payne and I provide housing to roughly 250 low and moderate income individuals in Portland. I'm writing in opposition to LD 1710.

This bill is incredibly complex and only makes it harder and less attractive for landlords to provide housing, let alone build new units. I recognize there is a lot of pressure on the legislature to do something about housing, but the policies that get passed need to INCENTIVISE the preservation and creation of more low to moderate income housing units.

I originally got into housing very excited about trying to own and develop mid range housing in Maine. The city of Portland and now the state of Maine policies are making it less and less attractive. We need policies that incentivize the creation of more low to moderate income housing. Nobody is going to want to own or build more housing if laws like this continue to be considered, let alone passed.