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I am Roger Buck, of Portland, ME. I am opposed to this bill. It will require housing providers to track tenants' income, imposing significant paperwork burdens and costs on both. Tenants may refuse to cooperate. It is complex and unclear, but appears to require providers to make 10% of their units affordable to specific low income tenants according to set affordability and income criteria. This will impose costs on providers that must be passed on to other tenants and discourage the construction of new housing. The complexity of multiple housing bills currently being considered will overwhelm local mom and pop landlords, leading to the consolidation of housing ownership in the hands of large corporate landlords with the legal staff to handle the complex new laws