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Dear Maine legislators,

We support the proposed bill to add a 2% local option tax for short term rentals, as proposed by Representative Gary Friedmann.

We approve of the feature that gives 90% back to each local community and 10% to fund affordable housing in rural areas.

Bar Harbor is one of the largest generators of state sales tax revenue for the State of Maine (data from Maine Revenue Services), but very little of that money comes back to the town. In 2021, Bar Harbor generated \$236 million in restaurant and lodging sales tax revenue for the state, but less than 1% of that came back to the town.

<https://barharborstory.substack.com/p/could-a-local-options-tax-help-mdi>

We urge you to vote to pass this legislation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Anne Damm