



Office of the
Mayor

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I am writing to express my strong support for LD 1765 - Mobile Home Park Lot Rent Stabilization. This crucial legislation represents a local-first approach that aims to protect affordable housing options for residents in Maine's mobile home parks, an essential aspect of our community's diversity and stability.

The escalating cost of living has made it increasingly difficult for many families to find affordable housing. By triggering a review when lot rent increases exceed 5% annually, LD 1765 empowers local municipalities to work directly with their communities to address challenges early, before they result in displacement. This proactive measure empowers towns to engage in thoughtful discussions and implement solutions that reflect the unique needs of their residents.

Furthermore, the ability for municipalities to refer issues to the Manufactured Housing Board adds a layer of oversight that is vital in safeguarding vulnerable residents. It allows local leaders to address concerns while also having the option to seek broader support when needed. This collaborative approach fosters a sense of community ownership and responsibility, ensuring that everyone has a voice in decisions that affect their housing stability.

By supporting LD 1765, we are taking a significant step toward preserving affordable housing in Maine's mobile home parks. This legislation not only helps prevent displacement but also equips municipalities with the necessary tools to protect their most vulnerable residents. I urge you to lend your support to this important initiative, as it will have lasting positive effects on our communities.

Thank you for considering the importance of this legislation. I look forward to seeing our state take bold action to protect affordable housing for all.

Sincerely,

Michael Morris
Mayor of Waterville