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Subject: Opposition to LD 240 An Act to Increase Access to Public Utilities

This message originates from outside the Maine Legislature.

To: Honorable Members of the EUT Committee
Re: **OPPOSITION** to LD 240: An Act to Increase Access to Public Utilities

Dear Valuable Representatives of the People of Maine:

I am writing as a person with a small investment in rental property in opposition to LD 240: An Act to Increase Access to Public Utilities as the final draft is currently written.

Some specific concerns I have are the following:

- It's the equivalent of mandating an amenity as a necessity. Why is this being referred to as a "public utility"? Why isn't there an equivalent for phone line installation?
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- This bill does not let a landlord deny a satellite dish
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- Does not hold the provider **responsible** for damages (leaking roof from dish, screw through electrical wiring, etc).
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- As written, if each tenant (or even some of my gamers and work from homes have more than one provider!) has a different provider/dish this bill could require a landlord to allow unlimited number of providers.

We bought a house recently with 5 satellite dishes and 5 sets of wiring, we are leaving the metal plates on there until we can redo the roof.

We have also had ice dams form around satellite dishes and cause leaking and mold growth.

We have had awful wiring hanging and blowing all over the building: in the basement, on the outside, etc.

We have had extra holes drilled and the installer only fills with caulk.

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