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**From:** Sarah Antonucci <406.destination@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Cmte HED  
**Subject:** Please do not impose Rent Controls

**This message originates from outside the Maine Legislature.**

Rent controls has not worked in other states. It does not create more affordable rentals and puts undue burdens on the property owners.

- Revoking state law on no-cause evictions and imposing rent controls disproportionately affect small landlords. Without the option to remove problematic tenants, they may be forced to retain those who create hostile or unsafe environments - putting respectful tenants at risk and exposing landlords, especially small property owners, to costly and prolonged legal battles.
- These laws discourage new housing development, which Maine desperately needs, and reduces property values.
- Rent stabilization discourages tenant turnover, limiting housing availability and making it harder for newcomers - especially young families and Maine's workforce-to find a place to live.

I sincerely hope you vote NO on rent controls.

Thanks,  
Sarah Antonucci  
Property owner in Augusta, ME