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**To:** Cmte HED  
**Subject:** Please Oppose LD 1534

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To Whom it May Concern,

I am a rental housing building owner living and operating in the Greater Portland area. I am writing to express my opposition to LD 1534. My husband and I own 7 rental units. We offer our rents at rates that are far below market value. We do so because we believe its one of the ways we can fulfill our civic duty to the community that we've grown up in. We provide housing for people that may not be able to afford living in Maine otherwise and we do so with personal caring. We have improved every unit of our building over the past 20 years and continue to react to issues with haste and concern. However, sharp increases in expenses, and more regulation continue to hamper the way that we can operate. LD 1534 threatens to be yet another regulatory burden that erodes our financial capabilities. I am very concerned about how LD 1534 will effect our ability to continue to operate and will eliminate the housing that we provide. We have seen how rent control in Portland has harmed small independent housing providers who are already renting units below market value. Please oppose LD 1534.

Thank you,

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