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PLEASE OPPOSE LD 1534: An Act Enabling Municipalities to Protect Tenants and

Stabilize Rents

This message originates from outside the Maine Legislature.

Hello Housing Committee, Senators and Representatives,

My Name is Lovia Koscinski from Searsport ME.

This bill affects me personally as I am a landlord of three units/single homes at this time. I take pride in having safe and clean homes to rent to my tenants. I do my best to keep our rents at reasonable fees while keeping our costs in check at the same time.

Revoking No-cause Evictions and imposing controlled rent would be very unfair to landlords. While as a landlord I try to do my due diligence when vetting new tenants -- sometimes things look great on paper but are not so in person/everyday life. Landlords need to have the ability to remove tenants that are not a "fit" or good match for their apartments. Costly and prolonged battles only create unsafe and hostile environments for all involved.

Rent Controlled properties will discourage people to become "landlords" or stay Landlords. We need the Maine Housing Market to flourish not disappear due to being stuck in impossible situations.

We as landlords do not need more burdens when trying to remove problematic tenants. More red tape and eviction hoops to jump through at Town levels is NOT the answer. There should be a level playing field for both Landlords and Tenants and currently the scales are tipped way more in favor of the Tenants.

Please OPPOSE this bill and make the playing field positive for BOTH Landlords as well as Tenants.

Thank you for your time, Lovia Koscinski, Landlord Searsport Maine