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Good day.

I am writing to you to share that we own and live in our 2 family duplex in Portland. Because we live here and are constantly caring for the property and our neighborhood. We have great neighbors and friends who care about our neighborhood too.

For the last five years my elderly parents lived here in one of the units independently. It allowed them to have their own space but support by my husband and I for appointments, groceries, assistance as well as meeting and making new friends. We were able to give them a quality of life that didn't wipe out their small savings. They also were closer to family members and enjoyed family visits and holiday events. Having this home enabled them to live out their lives on their terms and at home. We enjoyed their time together with us and we truly feel that we were blessed to be able to have that time.

Having our home and living here as well affords us the ability to assist family when needed. When local and state laws start to affect our management of our property which is an investment for our lives just doesn't make sense or benefit people like us. We are retired as well and live within our means.

Please be aware that one size or law does not make sense or better for the small landlord who have just managed it well all Along.

We are not in it for the big bucks but for the quality of life and safety of our community.

Sincerely

Donna Somma