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Hello,

My name is Ben Bubar from Brewer, Maine. My family and I have been in the rental/landlord business our entire lives and still currently manage 70 units in the greater Bangor area. We still rent them out ourselves and do most of the maintenance.

We are strongly opposed to LD 1534. In the unpredictable world of the markets right now, it would be a huge mistake to try to stabilize a rent market that quite honestly has stabilized itself over the past couple of years. 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 - OR to exit the market entirely, worsening Maine's housing crisis.

Each year there are more and more restrictions on what landlords can do and the segment they are hurting the most are the small family operations like the Bubar's (BCB Rentals, LLC) have been for over 50 years! Unless congress is going to try to stabilize all the energy and fuel costs, along with all the other fluctuating costs, landlords will not be able to survive.

Thank you,

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