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Good Afternoon

My dad purchased a multi-family in a small Maine mill town in 1968 after he got out of the Army & the year I was born. I've since inherited the property when he passed away 12 years ago.

Our family has been providing housing for up to 3 - 4 families at well below market rents for decades. If this registry passes it opens the door for the state or towns to implement more burdensome rules / regulations and even rent control. In addition the administrative costs and fines associated with rental registries which often result in higher rents for tenants, further worsening the housing affordability crisis.

If this bill passes, many small landlords across the state that have been providing rent at below market rates may have no choice but to significantly raise tenants' rents before new rules and regulations are passed along with this bill.

I also own a duplex in Portland where I'm all too familiar with the increase in taxes, tax on "rain", pay per bag trash and yes, rent control which has had a significant impact on some multi family real estate values for properties that have had below market rents to family members, friends etc.

Please Vote NO and do not pass this ill advised bill.

Regards,
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