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To whom it may concern,

My name is Suz and I'm the owner of a 3 unit building in Portland, ME — a building I both own and occupy. I rent 2 units, making my role as a small-time landlord a minor but important one in the housing ecosystem of Maine.

I'm writing to oppose LD1806 as I believe it will place even more burden on small-time landlords like myself. While I support what this bill attempts to do, I believe the implementation will only further exacerbate housing challenges in Maine. Folks that own 5 units or less are navigating an increasingly complex legal landscape, and additional registration and bureaucratic steps only further pushes us out of the market. This will make way for consolidation and large corporate investors who are ruining the housing market in Maine. I believe this fear is already coming true in Portland, ME where complex bureaucracy is already threatening to remove mom-and-pop landlords like myself — adding duplicative processes to those already in place in Portland could very well impact my ability/interest in keeping my own home.

I believe we should be focusing our efforts on building more housing, making ownership more accessible to smaller landlords like myself, and enforcing existing housing and safety laws - not creating another layer of regulation that burdens compliant landlords and fails to deter bad ones.

Thank you for your consideration,

Suz Okie