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Dear Housing Committee,

I am writing to express my opposition to LD 1806, “An Act to Create a Residential Rental Unit Registry.”

My name is Evan Chatmas, and as a small landlord who owns and lives in a duplex and also rents a single-family home, I am concerned about the unintended burdens this bill would place on responsible, owner-occupied landlords like myself. I take pride in providing safe, well-maintained housing in my community, and believe that this bill risks creating new administrative hurdles for those of us already following best practices.

LD 1806 may be well-intentioned in seeking transparency, but it casts too broad a net by not exempting owner-occupied multi-family homes or small-scale landlords. Unlike large, out-of-state corporations, we are directly invested in the well-being of our tenants and our neighborhoods. Adding a new registration requirement, without clear benefits, feels more punitive than productive.

I respectfully ask that the bill either be rejected or amended to exempt small landlords with owner-occupied properties and those already complying with local municipal registries. Targeting problematic actors in the rental market makes sense, but over-regulating conscientious homeowners does not.

Thank you for your time and your service to our community.

Sincerely,

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