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Hello Committee

The City of Portland (my childhood home) currently has stringent laws in place requiring Landlords to register rentals, pay rental licensing fees, and a very complicated system of rent control in place.

We landlords who comply readily to every and all requirements, and respond quickly and effectively to our tenants needs for repairs and who conscientiously maintain our properties, cannot believe that further control could possibly be needed.

Burdening compliant landlords with more forms to submit, fees to pay, etc is clearly redundant.

I strongly suggest this Landlord Bill not be passed by the State of Maine.

Sincerely,

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PS: I know of slum landlords of large apartment buildings with broken windows, and rodents, etc that the city of Portland doesn't have the legal power to successfully force into compliance. Your focus needs to be on these landlords.