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To: Cmte HED; Arford, Poppy
Subject: Please Oppose LD 1806

This message originates from outside the Maine Legislature.

Hello, My name is Benjamin Love. I am a resident of Brunswick. I own a couple properties in Brunswick and one in Portland. I want you all to understand that I barely make ends meet with these properties. I am a single dad with my second son going to college. I have put my own sweat into these buildings and they are my retirement. Any additional burdens will push me closer to the edge and will not allow me to afford improvements, I can barely afford them as it is with the costs of things now adays. My Portland building really struggles due to the rent control ordinance and regulations there. I do not make enough to improve the building. I hope to make a good return when I sell them for retirement, but if they become too complex and expensive to operate, I could potentially lose all the work I have put in and my retirement. The small landlords like myself get crushed with each new regulations and fees. My building in Portland is a prime example of getting really hurt by regulation. What happens if I can't afford the buildings, then do I sell to a large out of state investment company? I think the entire point is to keep it local and to avoid faceless companies that take advantage of their tenants right? Please oppose LD 1806.

Thank you,

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