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## Opposition to LD 365

### Members of the Housing and Economic Development Committee

I am shocked and dismayed with LD 365. How a legislative committee in America would consider a bill to take away the rights of private property owners is beyond the thinking of many citizens in a country that is supposedly the land of the free and the home of the brave. Don't forget that Manufactured Housing Communities are privately owned and built by the work, sweat and money of people like you and me? Most of us have fought the discrimination of the government in our Towns, neighbors and other townspeople who over the years thought that our communities were no better than "the old trailer parks" that no proper people should live in. We built this industry to what it is today. Housing that is now known by you as the only non-subsidized affordable housing in the State.

You now have a purported non-profit known as R.O.C coming to you to help our tenants "own" the communities. By R.O.C'S own admission, the tenants never own the communities. Have you checked on R.O.C finances and the charges they impose on the tenants? In all the hearings I've attended, those questions have never been asked. And yet any suggestions they make for legislation to take away our private property rights are looked at as great ideas. We should be looking at laws to increase the development of more affordable manufactured housing communities.

Don't look at us as the enemy, but as housing developers who provide affordable housing options to many. Consider working with us as part of the solution to the shortage of affordable housing. THIS BILL IS UNAMERICAN AS WELL AS POSSIBLY UNCONSTITUTIONAL. MAINE IS BETTER THAN THIS BILL. PLEASE VOTE AGAINST LD 365

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