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LD 1181

Good Morning,

I am Philip Roberts, a resident of the town of Surry Maine. I am submitting this testimony against the passage of this bill LD 1181. I truly believe passage of this bill will bring additional hardship on already struggling Mainers. The additional tax burden will be too much for many property owners. Many of us are renting our properties just so we can pay our already high taxes. This bill's stated purpose is to help provide more affordable housing. Most of the Short Term Rentals in tourist areas of Maine are seasonal and are not suitable for year round occupancy. This bill also wrongly places the burden of determining property classification on the local Code Enforcement Officer that is not trained or knowledgeable in this area.

Thank you,  
Phil