

Amy Barriault
Brunswick
LD 1534

Dear Housing Committee,

My name is Amy Barriault. I have been a resident of Brunswick for the last 18 years and reside in a multifamily building in the downtown area that I painstakingly have renovated. I have been a landlord and property owner in Brunswick who provides safe, affordable housing to 40+ people in a range of price points since 2013. I have provided housing to Housing Choice recipients, the elderly, our veterans and to others needing special accommodations. I have renovated all of buildings in downtown Brunswick that I have purchased. These buildings were run down, dilapidated, and quite frankly dangerous. I am proud to have contributed to a safer neighborhood and of the spaces I provide for my tenants to live and call home. None of this would be possible with "rent stabilization".

I am OPPOSED to Bill LD 1534 (An Act to Enabling Municipalities to protect Tenants and Stabilize Rent) as I will not be able to properly and safely renovate the older buildings I purchase and will have to invest outside of my community. Further, this bill is completely unnecessary since municipalities already have the powers that this bill says it would confer. In my opinion, it is a waste of your time to consider this bill further.

Thank you,
Amy Barriault