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LD 1534

I STRONGLY URGE you to vote OUGHT NOT TO PASS on LD1534, An Act Enabling Municipalities to Protect Tenants and Stabilize Rents. It seems like you want to punish ALL landlords for a VERY FEW bad actors. Those mostly being in the "BIG" cities. The everyday landlord, the one who bought the apartment building to give them a means of being able to retire, is able to make a living on their property. Letting the Maine State Housing Authority decide how much they can charge for rents is scary. Our government agencies are taking over our lives. They are dictating what we can and cannot do with our lives. They are saying we can't decide how much we can charge for rent, they must decide. I would say they should leave it to the market to decide. If the rent is too high, no one will rent there. That is known as "Free Enterprise." It is what made America the great nation it is. Anyone has the chance to do well here, if they work for it. Pay for it. I don't see ANY REASON for the M.S.H. to get involved in the business of limiting our rental fees and not allowing us to evict someone who wants to buy drugs and alcohol rather than pay their promised rent each month. Please, let's not go Orwellian, let's let the free-market work as well as it always has: Vote OUGHT NOT TO PASS on LD1534. Thank you!