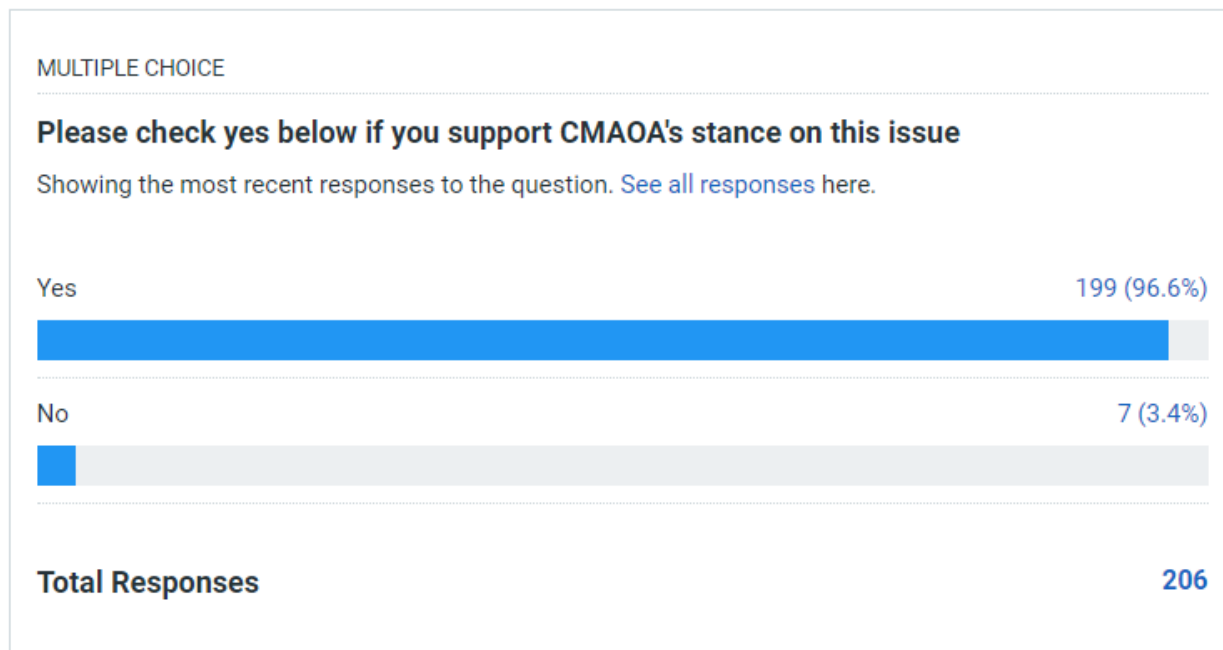


Dear Health and Human Services Committee Members,

The Central Maine Apartment Owners Association polled our membership and received the following data.

We polled our members to see if they supported our stance to oppose **LD 819**. 199 out of 206 of our members surveyed opposed this bill.



Here are the comments we also collected:

- Not only does this bill treat tenants like second class citizens, forcing them to open their doors at least twice a year to complete strangers (exposing them to whatever pandemic approaches next), but it gives too much power to the people conducting these tests. Who will call the cops on a theft if the thief holds whether or not you will be able to live where you are or not in his/her hands? And who will regulate the prices for these tests, and who will perform mitigation? Those who test?
- We STILL have the burden of our tenants being late or not paying rent. Even with all the support out there for the tenant, our bills STILL come due! When are WE going to have some ANYTHING for support from our elected officials??
- You are absolutely right that the cost of this ridiculous bill would be passed on to the tenant. I don't believe it is even possible to test every apartment every year for radon. The seven reasons given above and common sense dictates that this bill should be defeated quickly.
- I am not sure why the state of Maine finds it necessary to enhance existing federal requirements and make them even more onerous for landlords.
- The existing law provides sufficient protection for tenants. Unless there has been a significant seismic event, it is difficult to comprehend how radon levels would change from the prior tested results. I would support a independent study to determine if radon levels change without significant seismic events. I would also support a study to determine if a 10 year testing

schedule was determined necessary. I want to protect my tenants from radon and would be happy to participate in such a study.

- My wife and I only have two units and don't make a lot of money on them. This new proposal seems to be an overreach and would be a financial hardship for landlords. Thank you
- I agree to providing test results to Renters but on an annual basis is going to be costly for Landlords who will just forward that cost on to the renters. The renters can afford to test their rentals if they do not believe the test results are accurate. I'm okay with every 10 years, but annually doesn't make any sense!
- Current law is enough.
- LD 819 - Radon does not appear to improve safety to tenants beyond what the law currently holds. And increasing landlord costs is a sure way to increase tenant rent costs. With the Maine economy on the ropes this bill only worsens prospects for the marginal renters.