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Maine is in a housing crisis. Apartment owners provide housing. There is a legislative onslaught against Apartment Owners that is just going to make the housing crisis worse by discouraging investment and discouraging small apartment owners. This legislative onslaught will just increase homelessness in Maine and increase rents. The Legislature needs to work with, not against, Apartment Owners to solve the housing crisis. The Legislature needs to stop infringing on an Apartment Owners property right to manage their property and protect their good tenants.

LD 557 is a bad idea for landlords/property managers. Not being able to ask about prior evictions on a housing application will make it more difficult for landlords to make informed decisions about potential tenants. Knowing about prior evictions is an important factor in determining whether a tenant is likely to be a reliable tenant who pays rent on time and takes care of the property.

It's crucial for lawmakers to work collaboratively with apartment owners to develop solutions to address the housing crisis that do not unfairly burden or harm them.