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Testimony of the Maine Municipal Association (MMA)

In Opposition to

LD 1590, *An Act To Define Commercial and Noncommercial Purveyors of Accommodations for Short-term Rental*

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Senator Hickman, Representative Sylvester and members of the Labor and Housing Committee, my name is Kate Dufour and I am providing testimony in opposition to LD 1590 on behalf of MMA's Legislative Policy Committee.

Municipal officials are unaware of the problem that LD 1590 seeks to address. Municipalities have for decades adopted ordinances of all kinds that use definitions that fit the community's needs. The mandate to use specific language, dictated by state statutes, sets the stage for the further erosion of home rule authority. Rather than mandating that municipalities use these definitions or amend their adopted policies to conform to state policy, the Legislature should direct the Maine State Housing Authority to make communities aware of these preferred definitions.

Thank you for considering the municipal perspective on LD 1590.