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Dear Legislators,

I am a Maine resident, property owner, voter, and member of the Airbnb community.

LD 1590, a proposed bill that would raise my already high property taxes, is a major concern for me. I support thoughtful regulation but this proposal goes too far.

Reclassifying my home as a commercial property would hamper Maine's lodging capacity, as well as harm the income of Hosts, our local community, and the small businesses that depend on it.

This proposal hurts hosts who rely on this income to make ends meet, to improve my property, and who spend their earnings in the community. Local businesses and attractions, cleaners, contractors, and many other local businesses benefit when visitors stay in my home. The proposed ordinance will limit these activities at a critical time for local businesses and the tourism economy.

This proposal will hurt me and my partner and our community greatly, especially as we're all working to recover our economy from the pandemic crisis.

I encourage you to pull this legislation and protect me from further property taxes and my partner from the ability to earn critical income for us and the Pine Tree State.