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As a lifelong Maine resident and an active member of the community, I've always thought of our state as a welcoming place. We have a history of being a state built on hosting vacationers, though it seems Representative Sylvester has forgotten this. Despite living on an island that is historically known for its vacation getaways, he acts as if this industry is brand new and in need of additional economic pain.

After a devastating year in 2020, the last thing this state needs is to funnel more money away from small businesses including local short term rental hosts. This bill only hurts the mom & pop operations and further pushes the domination of the corporate hotel industry.

If you're in support of small businesses owned by local Maine people, you will not back this bill and you will remember that the Maine economy is built on tourism.
Thank you.