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I would respectfully submit that Tourism hasn't changed in hundreds of years and States like Maine have survived off of tourism as a large part of their economy. People may stay longer or shorter periods of time than in the past, people may travel with larger or smaller groups than in the past, and people may access how they facilitate making accommodations differently in the past, but the economic driver that is Tourism hasn't changed. It is a knee jerk reaction to target short term rentals as the culprit for everything negative in the Tourism industry. It is also highly suspect that short term rentals are the sole issue with the lack of housing stock in America or are the reason for a lack of affordable housing, as many try to claim. Any targeting or banning outright of short term rentals is discriminatory as it relates to long term rentals, corporate temporary housing and other types of residential rentals. In the end personal property rights need to be reinforced and residential housing stock is just that, residential housing, its "use" does not change depending on how someone might choose to use it or rent it.

Respectfully Submitted