



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002
(207) 287-1440
TTY: (207) 287-4469

Billy Bob Faulkingham

P.O. Box 121
Winter Harbor, ME 04693
Cell Phone: (207) 460-6967
William.Faulkingham@legislature.maine.gov

April 23, 202

Rep. Billy Bob Faulkingham
Testimony in Support of

LD 1365

An Act To Prohibit Municipalities from Prohibiting Short-term Rentals

Good morning Senator Baldacci, Representative Matlack, and members of the Committee On State and Local Government. I am Representative Billy Bob Faulkingham and I am here to present **LD 1365 “An Act To Prohibit Municipalities from Prohibiting Short-term Rentals”**.

This bill prohibits municipalities from enacting or enforcing ordinances, rules or orders that prohibit short-term accommodation rentals.

I wholeheartedly believe in local control. However, sometimes it is the duty of the State to protect individuals from having their personal or property rights violated by municipal governments. This is one of those situations.

Maine is seeing a growing industry in short term rentals. The individuals who provide this service are creating a necessary and valuable form of lodging that is supporting the tourism industry that buoys our state economy.

The visitors who venture to Maine to stay at our state’s weekly rental properties are welcome guests of the owner’s. The only difference is that the owner doesn’t stay with them for their visit. In fact many of the proposed restrictions allow this type of rental if the owner stays. Therein lies the ridiculous nature of the proposal to prohibit short term rentals.

We must protect property rights, and an individual’s right to house the guests of their choosing. Support private property rights. Support our tourism industry. Support our struggling Maine economy. Please vote OTP on LD 1365.

Thank you for your consideration. I will answer any questions you may have.

Respectfully,

Representative Billy Bob Faulkingham