DONNA CROSSWAY HODGES Newport

Dear Members of the State and Local Government Committee,

As a landlord of over 80 rental units in the Central Maine area as well as a private resident I ask you to support LD 1365 An Act to Prohibit Municipalities from Prohibiting Short-term Rentals. Although, I do not participate in S/T rentals (I do month to month rentals) I believe that they accommodate an important need in many communities and especially that Maine has such a high rate of visitors throughout the various seasons. I believe each community must address it's individual factors in legislating the S/T industry while no community should outright prohibit an individuals property rights. Please send a message to the local governments that they should be addressing any concerns or issues they have with S/T 's that best fit their residents. A prohibition in one town would directly affect the bordering towns. Thank you for your time.