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My wife and I own a home in Bar Harbor. We enjoy the way life should be whenever we stay in our home. We also believe it is a gift to share our home with others who are new to Maine's beauty as well as those who return every year.

We understand that local municipalities must balance many, often conflicting, needs. Bar Harbor is taking steps to place limits on the number of homes that are able to be used for seasonal rental. While limits may be appropriate we would not be in favor of a ban on seasonal rentals of homes.

Home rentals offer amenities that other lodging may not such as welcoming pets, allowing entire families to travel together, room for recreational and camping gear, and so on.

For these reasons we support legislation that would prohibit banning short-term rentals entirely by a local government.

Thank you,

Herb Hess and Toni Mansfield