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The rental of private cottages to tourists is a long standing tradition in Maine, in place long before AirBNB and VRBO came along. The impact on tourism in the state if such rentals were not allowed would be devastating to any community from the lack of revenue it would result in. Our guests shop in stores for local crafts, visit restaurants, micro breweries, and all the other tourism based venues. This type of hospitality business is not going to be replaced by hotels and bed and breakfasts. Municipalities ignore the vast combined power of tourism dollars created by short term rentals at their peril. We fully believe that this is what the traveling public expect these these days and if it is not available in your community they will simply go somewhere else.