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To the Committee on State and Local Government:

I would like to add my voice to those supporting property owners' rights to engage in short-term rentals and to the prohibition of municipalities banning short-term rentals.

Property owners have an inherent right to make reasonable and safe use of their own property. There is a long history of short-term rental of many types throughout the State of Maine. Many towns currently govern these rentals and collect business license fees from landlords. Renters add to the local economy in many ways enabling landlords to invest more in their property, pay taxes and contribute to the development of the surrounding community.

Regards,

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