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Good Morning: As a long time resident of Maine who has had an opportunity to live abroad for approximately 15 years I have taken advantage of the doing short term rental business in several Maine properties our family has owned.

Our chance to live and work abroad has fully enriched our lives and our 4 now adult children lives.

The income we have received from our family rental property has allowed us to keep our Maine property that we now occupy full time as we are retired.

However we have thru hard work and diligence managed to purchase and self manage another short term rental property. The fact that local do gooders feel they have control over our family business is unacceptable. Management of these rentals is a labor intensive activity. We have previously purchased older Maine properties and then invested well over \$100K in upgrades before we could rent. This has helped local people who we have hired to complete these projects and then of course the materials necessary for these jobs.

Stone masons, cement contractor, carpenters, kitchen cabinets and appliances, electricians, plumbers, landscaping, lumber, tile & tile contractor, this is only a short list. Not to mention mostly sweat equity.

Of course the State has an interest in the Lodging Tax, which by the way I often think that additional fees are what will kill the golden goose!