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Dear Joint Committee on State and Local Government,

I'm a Maine resident of Portland and a short-term rental host. I support LD 1365. This bill balances property rights with the ability of local communities to safeguard quality of life. I live in a 4 unit building and short term two of the units. I am on site and available to my guests. I have friendly and supportive neighbors and my guests have never caused issues with them or the neighborhood. I've been thanked for keeping the money local and neighbors have commented they see my guests returning after a day out with shopping bags.

I am one of thousands of hosts who open up their homes to make ends meet. This money stays here in Maine. My guidebook is filled 100% with local options for shopping, eating, hiking, beer tasting, local activities, etc... Each of these local businesses benefit from the guests who stay in my home. I am proud to be a major part of our economy. The

There is a wonderful and large group of travelers who solely use Airbnb and vrbo to travel as it lends a more local experience. Not to mention, people tend to feel more comfortable staying in an Airbnb vs. a hotel especially during this pandemic.

I humbly ask that you support this common-sense legislation that protects hard working residents of the Pine Tree State, like myself, and helps to fast-track our economic recovery.

Thank You,
Courtney Ramey