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Short term rentals have offered many a lifeline to hardworking Mainers, to not only stop them drowning but to thrive., giving them an opportunity to be proud members of their community and feel like they are making a difference.

Maine is Vacationland and tourism is our highest grossing revenue. How can we stand by and allow this opportunity to be taken from the people who actually live here?

Running short term rentals has changed mine and my family's life. It has brought in income that has allowed us to fix up our building and purchase another. All of the income made here stays here, local businesses thrive, jobs are created and lives really are changed for the better.

Please consider allowing this to continue, letting local people make something for themselves from this beautiful state. Don't allow out of state hoteliers come in and take over, reaping all profits out of state and paying the locals minimum wage.