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Hello, I am a 53 year old single woman who has one bedroom I Air BNB in my house. I am writing to plead with our local government to prohibit municipalities from banning short-term rentals. Visitors coming to Portland, including visiting nurses and temporary staff use Air BNB's. We are essential to this economy, but also the money spent on our short term rentals directly impacts the local economy because we are your citizens. Visitors are going to come to Portland whether we have STRs or not--the difference is when they stay at an STR, the money they pay stays right here in Maine--and if they were banned that would just be a windfall for the mostly out-of-state hotel corporations.

I do not want to be a landlord, I enjoy some of my time alone. But having hospital staff, college students and tourists stay with me, allows me to pay my bills. Thanks you.