She teaches advanced mathematics at a high school in Maine. Through numbers, formulas and theories, she stretches the minds and imaginations of her students. Unfortunately for her, a very important number doesn't add up — the number of available apartments in the town in which she teaches.

Diversity within Maine’s communities is key to their continued growth and vitality. When a segment of the population is forced to live elsewhere, the community ultimately suffers. Businesses can't find the employees they need to expand, community-based volunteer services disappear, and the community that was once so desirable isn't anymore.

In Maine, the ability of your community to provide safe, decent and affordable housing is critical to its success. If you’d like to see your community do more, call the Maine State Housing Authority for more information at 800-452-4668.