



Dear Members,

Today, the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court ruled that the **proposed rent control ballot initiative will not appear on the November ballot**. The Court found that the measure did not meet the constitutional requirements necessary to move forward.

The proposed question that had received requisite signatures and prior authorizations to be on the ballot in November, would have limited annual rent increases to the lesser of 5% or the recent Consumer Price Index (CPI). While much of the public discussion focused on traditional housing, the proposal applied to some extent to certain Assisted Living Residences. This raised concerns about the ability of providers to keep pace with rising operating costs while continuing to deliver high-quality housing and services. Because of these concerns, Mass-ALA joined the Housing for Massachusetts coalition in opposition to the ballot measure.

In response to today's decision, the Housing for Massachusetts coalition shared the following statement:

"Today, the Supreme Judicial Court confirmed that the nation's most extreme rent control proposal was unconstitutional. While we firmly believe that Massachusetts voters were prepared to vote 'no' in November, today's decision puts the issue to rest and protects our housing pipeline and our communities from the proven damage that rent control inflicts. We are incredibly grateful to the countless small property owners, real estate professionals, elected officials, and community leaders who supported our coalition, and we look forward to working together to create more homes and tackle affordability through real policy solutions."

Mass-ALA appreciates the support and engagement of our members throughout this process. We will continue to advocate on behalf of assisted living providers and keep you informed as legislative and regulatory issues affecting our industry continue to evolve.

If you have any questions, please contact us at Mass-ALA@mass-ala.org.

This update is solely for general informational purposes. It is not intended to replace a full review of the cited regulations or guidance.

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