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To Whom It May Concern:

On a recent trip to the Saugatuck / Douglas Area, for a small midweek escape, we were surprised to find that certain inn owners openly discriminate against certain visitors.

Upon arriving in town and looking through brochures available for lodging, we found one that seemed to fit our needs. After calling, finding out that rooms were available and the price, we decided to stay at the Rosemont Inn in Douglas. However, upon our arrival the woman, that on the phone was full of information and encouraging renting the room, greeted us and said she could not rent a room to us. First reaction was one of shock and of course leaving, since it was obvious we were not welcome.

It is assumed that the only reason for her sudden change in room availability is the fact that we were two men. (As shown by the look on her face and other comments made).

As travelers, we were wondering if this is a policy encouraged by local and state tourism? If so, it would be nice to be aware before planning any further trips to the state.

Sincerely;

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