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LD 3

Dear Committee Chairs and members,

My name is Renee Fortin, my husband Dan and I live in Lewiston. We have lived in Maine all of our lives, we have worked hard and we pay taxes. We are becoming increasingly upset at the injustice and unlawfulness, of taxation without representation. We believe that legal Maine residents who are truly in need, like disabled or elderly, should receive help to heat their homes. We are sick and tired of the twisting of truth that we see in media, and constant blame and labeling, being put on conservatives, as though they do not care for the poor. We also understand that heat assistance through (HEAP) is funded till July. Winter happens every year in Maine! Heating a home, this winter, is not a crisis, unless of course a crisis has been created, which we believe has happened. Through the nefarious agenda of many to push covid, many have lost their livelihoods, creating this problem. The other agenda being used to destroy us, is the religion of worshipping mother earth or Gaia, which has led to stopping domestic oil production and the re-opening of pipelines. A few years ago we were exporting oil and now we beg other countries for fuel.

This is ridiculous since the U.S. has the cleanest oil production anywhere.

The housing crisis being pushed upon us, is another issue that could have been easily resolved. Because of the policies of open border promoters, an onslaught of new arrivals of illegal immigrants to Maine cities, has ensued. These policies led by Democrats have now put many life long Mainers in dangerous and unfair positions. Thousands of Mainers, including Veterans have been on waitlists for housing for many years. This issue has nothing to do with emergency heating, and will not be fixed with a bandaid. \$21 million was allocated with short term housing support and now \$ 22 million is to be added. This is our tax money! Have we been asked about how it should be spent? \$43 million to make a slight dent, while the root of the problem is not addressed, is infuriating. Maine people are not fools but we are fed up! We do not want California in Maine. Those who promote these ideas are robbing hard working people from having any hope of a future!

Giving so called free money to people who can go out and work to gain \$450, or \$900, is another ridiculous ploy to maintain a voting base. Any money in the LD 3 should be used for heating vouchers and nothing else. Please consider removing the pork from this bill and radically amending it! It should not pass as is! NO to LD3 formerly LD 1