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We staff Comfortably Home, a Bath Housing program that provides safety checks, accessibility modifications and minor home repairs for homeowners within a 15-mile radius of Bath who have low incomes and are 55+ or any age with a disability. During our home visits, we are increasingly encountering homeowners who are struggling with not only major home repair needs and some dire, unsafe living situations but also access to resources. Though we do not provide fuel or heating assistance, fears about both navigating, and in some cases surviving, this year's heating season are part of almost every interaction that we have. We meet homeowners who are confident that many older adults will freeze to death in their homes this winter, homeowners who have already run out of fuel and have not known where to turn, homeowners who are panicked about the impossibility of increased fuel costs on fixed incomes, homeowners who are already receiving heating assistance but finding that this year they cannot cover the remainder of the costs and homeowners who have never before accessed any kind of public benefits but know that they now need to find some kind of support just to make it through this heating season.

The intersection of cold Maine winters and current energy costs is dangerous. We consider warm, safe housing to be a non-negotiable need of every Maine resident and ask that you lend your support to LD3 to provide more Mainers with the opportunity for essential warmth and safety.