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Dear Members of the Committee for Appropriations and Financial Affairs

This bill makes me very angry, and I strongly encourage you to recommend that this bill ought not to pass.

I understand that a lot of Maine Citizens will have difficulty paying for heat this winter, but I believe that this bill will do little to solve the problem. Just sending out a check to everyone who meets the criteria of the bill is reckless and does not make sense. Providing \$450 to individuals will not solve the problem. Yes, a lot of people will be happy to receive the money, but \$450 will not go far when paying for heat and most of intended recipients according to the bill can just tighten their belts a little and deal with it. The people that are at risk will need more than \$450, but this bill will not ensure they get the help they need.

I recommend that if you determine who truly needs the assistance and then target only those people and use the same process that is used now to provide heating assistance.

Maine citizens deserve better than this poorly constructed bill that appears to be more of an income redistribution bill or a buy a vote bill, than a bill targeted to solve a problem.

Sincerely,
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