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To the Committee of Appropriations & Financial Affairs:

Earlier this month, on December 7th, Republicans, Democrats, and Independents came together in the House of Representatives to vote overwhelmingly to enact LD 1 with a 125-16 vote. LD 1 should have been signed into law earlier this month, but failed in the Senate. I am writing to you to now strongly support the passage of LD 3. This crucial piece of legislation will help Mainers in need during the winter months to heat their homes and needs immediate action. A failure to pass this legislation will have a devastating and even deadly consequences for Mainers across the state. Inadequate funding of housing and shelters will result in people across the state experiencing homelessness. No one should have to experience homelessness, especially during Maine's winter.

We have heard for months from our constituents that they are afraid for themselves, for their family members, and for their neighbors about being unable to afford to heat their homes this winter. Immediate action is essential. I urge for quick passage of this legislation and further legislation to address long-term issues regarding housing and affordability of heating to be made a priority during the 131st Legislature.

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