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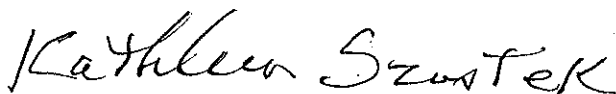
## LD 3 – Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Senator Jackson & Representative Ross and Committee Members:

### Testimony to Oppose LD 3

I am adamantly opposed to LD 3 for the following reasons:

1. The Name of the bill does not reflect the majority of the allocation of funds. It is labelled as energy relief. In fact a minor proportion of the bill is for that purpose. It is deception.
2. This bill does nothing to solve the underlying issues—but rather fosters dependence on government for hand outs.
3. I understand that LIHEAP is fully funded through July 2023 so the most vulnerable of us can apply for heating assistance.
4. Funding housing for those who arrive here against the laws of our nation should not be housed by taxpayer funds. Let those cities who have invited them here foot the bill.
5. The state government has contributed to Mainers financial hardship over the past two years with vaccine mandates and the shutting down of businesses—denying people the right to work to support themselves. Better that they not cause issues than attempt to remedy them!



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