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LD 1710

Honorable Committee on Housing,

We write in support of LD-1710, The Home Act.

Soaring rents have placed an intolerable burden on many of our fellow Mainers. There is a undeniable need for immediate material relief.

The people facing the worst impacts of the housing crisis, people who are working for low wages or are on small fixed incomes are the most vulnerable. They cannot afford to wait for market resolutions. And we must not ignore the financial, physical, mental, social and economic suffering imposed on our family, friends and neighbors who are being harmed by these intolerable circumstances.

The virtue of LD 1710 is that not only will it create housing stability for thousands of Mainers in the near term, it will have enduring positive effects on Maine individuals, families, and communities.

This important bill provides rental assistance, with appropriately targeted funding sources. It's aim of increasing the supply of affordable rental units, and ending discrimination against rental assistance is critical at this time.

Please support LD-1710. Thank you.

Sincerely,
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