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Dear members of the committee,

My name is Emily Carpenter, and I am a licensed clinical social worker residing and working in Hancock County.

I am submitting testimony AGAINST PART S of this bill, which limits GA access for housing support to 3 months in a 12-month period.

GA is already a program of last resort and lifetime limitations already exist. This proposal is meant to save money, but it is a short-sighted non-solution to the housing crisis in our state. Trying to save money on GA spending will only increase the number of houseless families and create a larger burden on other social services, schools, and emergency rooms, who step in to provide crisis care. We need to keep families in stable housing while we take other steps to address housing affordability.

Thank you.