

Testimony in Opposition to

LD 326: An Act to Increase the Property Tax Exemption Provided to Individuals Who Are Legally Blind

February 27, 2025

Chairpersons Senator Grohoski and Representative Cloutier and honorable members of the Taxation Committee:

My name is Kerry Leichtman. I am a Certified Maine Assessor serving the jurisdictions of Camden and Rockport and am writing you today about LD 326.

I have never understood this exemption. We do not have an exemption from property taxes for people who are dealing with other challenges, such as hearing disabilities, paralysis, mental disabilities, terminal illness. I am not opposed to aiding people who deserve assistance but I believe all would be addressed by increasing the Homestead Exemption and respectfully request that you consider this bill in a work session when you consider all of the Homestead Exemption bills that are coming your way.

Thank you for your time and consideration.