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Testimony in support of LD 698 to the Housing Committee March 17, 2025. Senator Curry, Representative Gere, and distinguished members of the Committee: My name is Janet Drew. I'm a retired RN, and I live in York. I ask that you SUPPORT LD 698: An Act to Sustain Emergency Homeless Shelters in Maine". The state and the nation has a homelessness crisis. Increasingly, we arrest persons living in public spaces, criminalizing people suffering and broken by poverty, mental illness, abuse, effects of military service and more. As federal dollars disappear, we need you to protect our neighbors. Please support shelters, and look for creative ways to permanently house our fellow Mainers. Thank you.