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LD 698

Dear Honorable Committee Members,

I am writing in support of emergency funding bill LD 698, An Act to Sustain Emergency Homeless Shelters in Maine. As we all know, there is a significant housing shortage in Maine, making emergency shelters a critical component of social services and basic infrastructure in communities across the state. Aroostook County has one emergency homeless shelter in the entire County. As minimal as this is, it makes supporting this organization even more essential. The state's Shelter Operating Subsidy has not adjusted to meet the rising costs of providing this critical service. More and more Mainers are facing a situation they never thought they would experience: the loss of their home. They deserve a safe place with support to get back on their feet. LD 698 will help shelters ensure dignity and care for Mainers in need. Thank you for supporting this bill.