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LD 641

Senator Chip Curry, Representative Traci Gere, and members of the Housing and Economic Development Committee

I urge you to vote Ought to Pass on LD 641, An Act to Support Diversion Efforts to Address Homelessness in Maine.

Our homelessness service system is beyond capacity, and while diversion programs funded through Maine Housing have been successful, they have also reached capacity. And they are not statewide.

As Representative Zager said recently the housing crisis and homelessness is a statewide program. And, in my experience, we need more than one solution to the problem. Large homeless centers are not safe options or realistic options for everyone who is homeless. We need a variety of programs if we are to end homelessness in Maine.

Please vote Ought To Pass on LD 641.