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Maine is in need of affordable housing. The state having a housing crisis makes the necessity for units much more dire. Raising the transfer tax rate on the most expensive real estate properties sold here in Maine will create much needed funds for housing programs.

9 years ago I lost my home and lived in my car for 10 days. That was the longest week and a half of my life. Finally, After receiving my disability check, I moved into a motel room. I lived in that room for over 4 years. I could pay for the room, but I couldn't save enough to pay for a new place. Although I was able to become part of a community while living there, a motel room is not a suitable place to live long term. And having permanent housing brings stability.

This transfer tax increase will bridge the gap and attract more of a workforce. At the same time, long term funding for multiple housing programs that allow families a better solution than what was available to me.

Thank you.