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LD 1066

As a long time resident and taxpayer in the city of Portland, I write to express my opposition to LD 1066. As someone who has worked with people experiencing homelessness and other survival struggles, I believe this bill is short-sighted and harmful. To limit General Assistance for housing to a maximum of three months in a twelve-month period per household is sure to increase the risk that more people will become unhoused in every county in the state. To expect landlords, for example, to agree to a GA rental assistance agreement of three months, with the expectation that their tenants will be fully able to meet the rental payments on their own after that short interval, is unrealistic. Surely there are other places in the budget that can be trimmed. Passage of LD 1066 will result in increased suffering and ultimately increased problems and expenses for towns and cities in our state. Please oppose 1066. Thank you for considering my testimony.