Betty St Hilaire United Community Living Center LD 1046

Re: LD 1046, An Act to Establish a 180-day State Residency Requirement for Receiving Municipal

Senator Ingwersen, Representative Meyer, and members of the Health and Human Services Committee,

My name is Betty St. Hilaire, I am the executive director of The United Community Living Center, a small nonprofit organization that serves the unhoused population in Augusta, Maine and the surrounding communities. We strongly oppose LD1046 as it would put an undue burden on this vulnerable population. Most individuals experiencing homelessness would not have access to any of the required documents that would prove residency and would therefore be excluded from this vital resource. This is an at-risk, and vulnerable population that often needs GA to provide for basic needs.

Again, we strongly oppose LD1046 and ask that you not pass this bill. Thank you.

Betty St. Hilaire