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Please support LD1525 An Act to Promote Firewood Banks in Maine and promote the development and public awareness of firewood banks in the state of Maine!

The Cumberland Wood Bank has been a lifesaver for several families who make use of the Falmouth Food Pantry, and it would be wonderful if more families in Falmouth knew about it. The Wood Bank is very well organized, and all our communications with it have been positive, even if there is no wood left in a particular year. We usually apply to the Cumberland Wood Bank early every summer to make sure they are going to have enough wood for the upcoming fall and to be sure we can be added to their list.

Over the years it has been essential to the members of one of our families, who have continued to live in a very dilapidated house with wood being the only source of heat. They have no running hot water and depend on their wood stove to heat water for washing in addition to making hot food. The Wood Bank person who has delivered to them for several years is always very positive and polite and obligingly drops off the wood wherever the family would like it to go.

Even though I have had no dealings with other firewood banks, if the Cumberland Wood Bank is an example of how they work and do business, I heartily support your efforts to promote the development and operation of other wood banks in Maine.

Thank you very much for your help.