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LD 1522

Senator Curry, Representative Gere, and honorable members of the Housing and Economic Development Committee:

My name is Louise Secordel, I live in Scarborough, and I strongly support LD 1522.

Stable housing is everything. When people and families remain housed, children can succeed in school, adults can maintain employment or volunteering opportunities, and our neighborhoods are safer and stronger. The Eviction Prevention Program (EPP) pilot has been in high demand and is on track to supporting 1,600 households. I want to live in a community and state where we support our neighbors in keeping a roof over their heads during hard times, especially during this challenging and unstable economic climate.

Preventing evictions is not just compassionate but cost-effective. Every avoided eviction means reduced strain on shelters, emergency services, healthcare, schools, and the criminal justice system. Every household kept housed is an opportunity to give back to our communities and local economies. While Maine works toward long-term housing solutions, the EPP provides immediate stability that benefits everyone. Programs like EPP is where I want my tax dollars to go.

I urge you to support LD 1522 so that this program can be improved upon, expanded, and made permanent for us all.

Thank you,
Louise Secordel