

**Dear Committee Members,**

My name is Maria Alice Casimiro dos Santos, and I reside in Portland, ME. I have been a client of ProsperityME since I arrived here, and I wholeheartedly support Bill 1287, which helps families with housing stability funds.

ProsperityME is one of the nonprofit institutions in Portland, ME, partnering with government agencies, faith-based institutions, businesses, and volunteers to ensure that refugees have their basic needs met while they await a lasting solution to their situation.

ProsperityME plays a vital role in upholding human rights by providing humanitarian aid and supporting the integration of refugees as they rebuild their lives. The organization works in various areas, including housing, food, healthcare, education, and legal assistance.

I personally benefited from ProsperityME's support with the security deposit for the apartment where I currently live, while I await my work authorization, which I expect to receive in the coming days. Once I have it, I will no longer need assistance from the organization, making room for others in need to benefit from their help.

With great respect, I kindly ask that you continue to support Bill 1287, which is dedicated to supporting people in vulnerable situations.

**Thank you very much.**

Maria Alice Casimiro dos Santos