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LD 641

LD641- (2021-2025) Homelessness divisions programs.

Jason Goodrich, Maine brewer, Representative MALON of Biddeford, Cosponsored by Senator Bailey of York, Representative SACHS of Freeport. The supports to the LD641

Hello my name is Regina and I'm a student in the Alternative pathway center in Biddeford, Maine. This testimony today will be about the homeless crisis and how I support the LD641 to continue funding the Housing Funding Solving Programs.

Bangor has shown a lot of support for making positive changes on homeless shelters. They also give a lot more renter assistance when people come close to homelessness or when they are coming out of it. The renter assistance helps people who need help with paying utilities and short term housing solutions. The division program since August 2024 has helped people steer away from being in homeless shelters. Bangor city rental assistance program 'Shelter plus care' is another successful program which ensures people who were chronically homeless turn into being in stable housing and it successfully got 243 people and 46 with complex needs like mental health, disabled, all be in homes by this October. They've concluded the emergency housing isn't reliable, people usually get stuck.

I hope that you listen to all the positives feedback and we continue to put more housing and renter assistance in this.

Sincerely
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