

Dear Housing Committee members:

My name is Ed Fallon. I am a Veteran, 87 years old. I have been working on Housing for a number of years. I live in Lewiston at the Meadow View apartments, Building 3, unit 343. My phone number is 207-754-4125.

In Lewiston, we are working on an updated Rental Registry Program that should be a model for the state to adopt. I know the proposed Rental Registry Program was not passed by your Committee, but housing remains elusive for many people because of high rents. The need for a registry is clear. How do we plan for our housing needs without knowledge of how many units are out there and what the rents are? It seems pretty basic.

We want the Lewiston City Council to pass an updated Rental Registry Program with both transparency and teeth. What are landlords afraid of? During these difficult days tenants need support finding safe, decent, and affordable housing. Not just in Lewiston, but all over the state.

Homelessness is running rampant, even for Veterans. Your Committee has the power to change it. Please do the right thing and vote to support housing and a Rental Registry.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today!

Ed Fallon