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LD 748

I VERY STRONGLY URGE you to vote OUGHT NOT TO PASS on LD748, An Act to increase Bridging rental assistance program housing voucher funding to reduce the current partial waiting list and increase housing vouchers for persons living with mental health challenges. This bill calls for raising \$1.32M over the next two years for housing for "mentally challenged" persons. Besides the LARGE amount of money, it has little detail as to what exactly the parameters are for this "mental challenge." Maine is a very poor state. You're asking people who are struggling every day to make ends meet and pay this bill while putting food on the table and heating their homes. Now you want to raise their taxes EVEN MORE. My taxes have increased over 400%. Being elderly is mentally challenging as well. Where is the money for that? It is also physically challenging. Why no vouchers for the elderly. They are shuffled off to a home, which gets all their money and belongings, and they wilt away into oblivion. I like to help people, but there needs to be accountability for our money. Thank you for voting OUGHT NOT TO PASS on LD748.