

State of Maine - 132nd Legislature
Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development
Testimony of Harris Madson on behalf of Bangor Homeless Shelter (Bangor, Maine)
Feb 3, 2026

Supporting:
LD2124, "An Act to Support Emergency Shelter Funding Using Revenue from
the Real Estate Transfer Tax"

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

My name is Harris Madson, I am testifying on behalf of myself and my community in support of this legislation. I appreciate the opportunity to testify in support of LD2124, An Act to Support Emergency Shelter Funding Using Revenue from the Real Estate Transfer Tax.

I have been associated with the Bangor Homeless Shelter for several years and currently serve on its Board. I have volunteered to serve dinner within the Warming Shelter and currently delivery donated food to the Shelter once a month. The Shelter has been serving the greater Bangor area with overnight beds, a day center, a food cupboard along with providing social services support with a partner agency.

If the Shelter closed 35+ people would immediately become homeless, many other would not be able to connect with supportive services in the Bangor area, many would not have a warm lunch meal, they could not receive warm clothing from the Shelter collection of used clothing. Consumers of the Shelter services with lose the contact and networking that they have created that help them find needed services and support.

Please vote Ought to Pass on LD2124, so that the Bangor Area Homeless Shelter can focus on its mission of supporting the homeless population within the greater Bangor area.

Thank you for your consideration.

Harris N Madson

