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LD 1609

Dear Sen. Pierce, Rep. Gere, and honorable members of the Housing Committee,

As an active volunteer in a non-profit that provides temporary shelter to families experiencing homelessness (Greater Portland Family Promise), I heartily support any funding measures that will work to prevent families becoming homeless in the first place. Shelters are a last-resort option that are more costly, more stressful for families, and FAR more disruptive for kids. For the same reasons, I also support LD 1540.

Attaching funding to the existing McKinney-Vento program is an excellent idea -- it would efficiently and effectively use trusted school partners to target just-in-time funding where it is needed most.

Sincerely,
Amy Johnson