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Homelessness is a crisis in the state of Maine, and action must be taken NOW by passing LD 211. Unsheltered individuals experiencing homelessness have a mortality rate that is over 3 times higher than sheltered individuals- with a life expectancy that is 28 years shorter than sheltered individuals. This is a human rights crisis that needs attention immediately. Not only would passing LD 211 begin to alleviate the unimaginable pain and suffering that is burdening unsheltered homeless individuals across Maine, but it would also lessen the burden for emergency services in Maine, that are utilized by unsheltered individuals at a much higher rate than those who are sheltered. Once again, this is a human rights issue that must be addressed now by passing LD 211.