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I support LD 211. I moved to Portland in September 2015 and began volunteering in the soup kitchens at Preble Street soon after that. For the last 3-1/2 years I have also been volunteering with Greater Portland Family Promise. Shelter is a human right. We need to provide the funds that will make low barrier access to shelter available to all who need it. The impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, combined with the chronic issues of racial inequity and social injustice, have made the need for low barrier access to shelter more critical than ever. We have no right to judge why a person or a family may find themselves homeless and whether they “deserve” shelter. We do have an obligation to help those who find themselves homeless. Please say Yes to LD 211.