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I support allowing landlords to initiate application for Emergency Rent Relief Assistance. With careful and proper implementation, this would reduce the barriers to many tenants who qualify but are unsure or are unable to apply on their own. Through coordination with Maine Housing and it's valued, trained staff appropriate vetting would occur. It is my understanding that with so many programs access is often limited by knowing about (education) what is available. I personally, as the owner of many rental units, have had to tell my tenants about services that are available to them.