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To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Rachel and I am North Providence resident and a bedside nurse. I am tired of seeing unhoused patients cycling through the hospital because they have no safe place to stay out of the elements. I've treated countless patients with pneumonia or frostbite from being stuck sleeping in the cold, and still more with fungal infections or who have fainted from heat and dehydration. These impacts can and do lead to life-threatening conditions such as sepsis and subdural hematomas. People deserve better. An as the richest country in the world, we can do better.

In Massachusetts, unhoused people are guaranteed a shelter bed- the ensure the tune enough to safely house everyone who needs it. We ought to hold ourselves to the same standard. But I've mean time, very least we can do is to mandate that cities provide warming and cooling centers so that people have a chance to survive. The imagine the state would see savings on the Medicaid side as well.

I urge you to support S2264.

Sincerely,
Rachel Bishop, BSN, MPH
Sent from my iPhone