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Dear Chairman Bissaillon and Honorable Members of the Senate Municipal Government and Housing Committee,

I am writing to express my support for S2264. For the safety and wellbeing of individuals who are experiencing homelessness, I believe it is crucial that cities and towns establish protocol to issue warming and cooling center alerts. This would require warming/cooling shelters to be open 24/7 during declared alerts of extreme temperatures and conditions deemed emergency by EMA, such as blizzards and hurricanes that could not only impact unhoused individuals but also leave housed individuals without power and in dangerous circumstances.

My name is Adam Hutchins, and I am a resident of the town of North Smithfield. I am currently pursuing a Master of Social Work degree at Rhode Island College. While I have declared a clinical focus within my program, I am equally interested in drafting policies that positively shape the way vulnerable populations live. While anyone can fall victim to homelessness, my hope is that policies are established to ensure the safety of unhoused individuals until they can be permanently housed and reintegrated into society through education, job training, and job placement.

Thank you for taking time to consider the importance of this bill.

Warmly,

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