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Dear chairman and honorable members of the Senate Housing Municipal,
Government Committee

I am writing today to express my support for Bill s2264 which provides for warming/cooling centers in municipalities all over the state of Rhode Island.

One year ago I was living in a tent and learning a way of life I never thought possible in today's day and age I learned that people living Outdoors take care of one another and I also learned that there is an element of society which will help others I became very grateful for both on the nights that were just too cold to bear I would go to a shelter and frankly the conditions were deplorable but I did it because it was warm and it was a roof. I slept on the floor if we were allowed to but usually slept sitting upright at a table. Honestly, I was grateful to be there since I moved into a hotel shelter and then into a co-op apartment and I am very grateful to be there waiting for senior housing the reason I am so in favor of Bill s2264 is it's going to save lives Emergency Shelters save lives they did so this winter as we saw these Emergency Shelters will not only benefit the unhoused but they will benefit the elderly in any municipality who happens to not have heat or people that are need a place to go in an emergency. Also this bill leaves it in the hands of the municipalities as to how they want to do it, which I believe is important that municipalities have the freedom of how to do it based on their constituents needs. To me one of the most important parts of this bill is that they are to be open 24/7 allowing people a place to sleep not just somewhere to go during the day.

I'll wrap this up now and keep it somewhat short and sweet I thank you for your time and consideration and all that you do thank you.

Sincerely, Donald King



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