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To: [SLegislation](#)
Subject: Support for S2264
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Dear Senators,

As a person of faith, a member of the Sisters of Mercy, and a member of the RI State Council of Churches, I am writing to express my support for [S2264](#), the Warming and Cooling Center Alert Bill.

I urge the Committee to approve and to pass this piece of legislation, which protects the state's homeless community from harsh weather events. Non-violence is one of the five critical concerns of Mercy. We are compelled to work for human dignity in peace and never by force, especially to provide justice for those who cannot fight for themselves. As we have seen with recent weather events, Rhode Island is vulnerable to extremely low temperatures, snow and blizzard conditions, and extreme heat in the summer. By passing S2264, homeless Rhode Islanders would be able to better plan their circumstances and health ahead of extreme weather events.

With the help of Project NOD, which I hope is funded again, I look forward to the time when no resident of RI faces extreme weather conditions outside.

Sincerely,

Mary Pendergast, RSM