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RE: H1129 An Act providing a homeless bill of rights
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Dear Honorable Chairs and Members of the Joint Committee on Housing,

Thank you for hearing *H1129 An Act providing a homeless bill of rights* before your committee today.

This bill is modeled after successful legislation in Rhode Island, Connecticut, and Illinois. The bill would prohibit discrimination against an individual because of their housing status. The bill would also protect the right to use and move freely in public spaces including public parks and buildings in addition to sidewalks and public transportation. It also includes privacy protection against the dissemination of the individual's housing status.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this bill. I respectfully request that *H1129 An Act providing a homeless bill of rights* be released favorably and expeditiously from your committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Heroux".

Representative Paul Heroux