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Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure: HB3459

I oppose this bill and others like it (\$1000 a month to unhoused; moratoriums on evictions, etc.). I recognize individuals and families can fall on hard times and find it difficult to pay bills. I contribute regularly to local charities that exist to assist those who need it. They typically offer coaching in money management, or job training, and other aspects of mentoring that will help people get back on their feet and remain productive members of society. Forbidding utility shutoffs could lead to a utility going out of business and all would lose services! at the very least, forbidding shutoffs will work hardships on the companies and they'll raise prices, creating hardship on other individuals, families, and businesses.

Furthermore, this creates a class of ne'er-do-wells. Very hateful. The same will hold on rentals. If forced to house someone who won't pay me, I'll sell the house. the next buyer will pay more than I did and so the rental market gets steeper and less affordable. But that's another bill out there.

On the subject of HB 3459. Don't pass it. Don't resurrect it.