



**SUPPORT PASSAGE OF  
HOUSE BILL 621/SENATE BILL 356  
TO STRENGTHEN EMERGENCY AID  
TO THE ELDERLY, DISABLED  
AND CHILDREN (EAEDC)**

**The Importance of Passing House Bill 621/Senate Bill 356 to Strengthen the EAEDC Program: Brief Reflections from EAEDC Campaign Endorsers**

“Because people need to live.” - Parlee Jones, Abby's House

“Let's attempt to keep people in their homes to prevent homelessness.” - Berkshire Center for Justice, Inc.

“For sexual violence survivors, increasing the benefit amount would help to improve their economic choices, and overall stability so they can better focus on their healing.”  
- Boston Area Rape Crisis Center (BARCC)

“Offering people assistance that traps them below the poverty line is bad public policy. It helps no one and leaves poor and homeless people on a treadmill to nowhere.” - Jim Stewart, First Church Shelter

“EAEDC helps the most vulnerable people in our community. This benefit can be lifesaving. North Shore Community Action Programs fully supports [the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless] efforts to improve this benefit.” - Laura MacNeil, North Shore Community Action Programs

“It is imperative to fund and pass this bill to ensure every individual has a chance to overcome homelessness and live respectfully in the community.” - Carina Pappalardo, The Psychological Center