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Senator Rotundo, Representative Sachs, Senator Tipping, Representative Roeder, and honorable members of the Joint Standing Committees on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and Labor and Housing: my name is Lorelei Cimen and I live in Orland, Maine. Everyone, no matter how much they make or what they do for a living, should be able to take care of themselves or a loved one in times of illness or other crises without going into debt, risking their job or housing, or making other terrible tradeoffs. But the majority of Mainers don't have access to any extended paid leave to care for themselves or loved ones. It doesn't have to be that way. I urge you to set aside funds in the budget to cover the estimated \$65 Million in start-up costs to make paid leave a reality for all Maine workers and their families.