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## **Maine Community Action Partnership Supports LD 1222 An Act to Expand Child Care Services Through an Employer Supported Tax Credit**

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Senator Grohoski, Representative Perry, members of the Committee on Taxation, I am Megan Hannan, Executive Director of Maine Community Action Partnership, and we support LD 1222 An Act to Expand Child Care Services Through an Employer Supported Tax Credit.

As we have all heard by now, Maine is in the middle of a few realities which, combined, are hurting our economy. All three are inextricably linked: lack of affordable housing and childcare leads to people who cannot find or keep the jobs they need. This bill will help to address one part of the problem by incentivizing employers to help their employees to access affordable childcare, so they are able to join or remain working.

Maine's report on ending hunger by 2030 noted that lack of access to quality, affordable childcare is a barrier for heads of households and especially for women to participating in the workforce<sup>1</sup>. This tax incentive, combined with others this and other committees will hear this session, will certainly be a step in the right direction.

Thank you for your time and attention.

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