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LD 1964

We, Calais and Orono IGA's are opposed to LD 1964, the proposed Paid Family Medical Leave Medical Program, period. We have our own systems to help employees if they are out. We are continuously squeezed with higher utility costs, insurance costs, minimum wage increases, plastic bag bans, foam tray bans....the list goes on. At what point will it not be worth even being in business? That day is coming as retailers are being pushed out with all these increases. Why are we the targets to compensate for increases that we have no control over? We are forced to pay higher wages but landlords aren't forced to lower their rents, gas stations are not forced to lower their gas prices, insurance is not forced to lower their premiums, and manufacturers are not forced to lower their cost of goods. Instead, solve everything by forcing business owners to pay more out of pocket costs to help people pay for all the increases? It's not right.

We are 100% against the minimum wage increase and 100% against this Paid Family Medical Leave. If the state wants to pay people to be out of work, then they should utilize the unemployment system that is already in place instead of making us pay.

Thank you for your time.  
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