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My name is Ysanne, I'm a Portland resident here in Maine. I am urging the committee not to move forward with budget cuts that will prevent vulnerable Mainers, low-wage workers, and non-citizens from receiving support to meet their basic needs and rights to food and housing.

Instead of relying on harmful cuts and going back on prior commitments to "balance the budget", it would be in Maine's best interest to move forward with more equitable taxation that will require the wealthiest residents and corporations in Maine to pay their fair share (higher income tax, ending subsidies for wealthy companies, higher taxes on capital gains etc).

Thank you, Ysanne