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The cost of education is becoming too much of a burden for Maine Families. Students need a mechanism to be able to afford and attend public universities here in Maine. Students with a 4-year degree tend to provide \$500,000 in lifetime taxes to the state and use \$85,000 or less in government social net programs. Helping students helps our great state of Maine.

Plus, we shouldn't be sending students who want to get a 4-year degree to community colleges. Students are missing so many opportunities by not starting where they'll be getting a degree.