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LD 874: An Act to Provide Relief to Federal or State Employees Affected by a Federal Government or State Government Shutdown

Dear Senator Bailey, Representative Mathieson and members of the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance, and Financial Services,

My Name is Hannah Leavitt, I am a resident of Saco. I am currently attending Husson University in Bangor with a major in Nursing and I ask you to vote no on LD 874.

I am a lifelong resident of Saco, Maine and would love to start a career in this state after graduating next year. Like most people my age, I have been researching stable pathways to earn a living here and be a productive citizen.

This bill provides stability to Federal and State workers who I believe are hoping to maintain a similar goal. When State/Federal employees furloughed through a shutdown. They are asked to go to work and will be paid when the shutdown is resolved. This puts an incredible amount of stress on these workers and their families.

Under the guidelines of this bill, State and Federal employees will maintain their household finances through a no interest loan until paid by the government at which time they will pay of this loan (paid when paid).

These people are put in this situation through no fault of their own. This bill provides them an umbrella to remain solvent at their regular payscale until they are personally made whole by the Government. I believe it is unfair to ask people to be patient financially when they are asked to perform their job when they have bills to pay and the State and Federal Government is not paying their bills.

In this time I have many questions that the direction our National Government is taking us. I ask you, our local Government, to provide the stability to your constituents to maintain a working class lifestyle and allow them the option. LD 874 provides. I have heard many times we need good jobs to keep people in the state, well these are good jobs and we should support the people who perform what is asked of them.

Thank you for your allowing me to be heard, I ask you to support LD 874

Sincerely,
Hannah Leavitt

