

Testimony in Support of LD 1294
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Senator Grohoski, Rep. Cloutier, and honorable committee members,

My name is Cori Cantrell, I live in Exeter, and am here to speak in support of LD 1294, Expanding Maine's Dependent Exemption Tax Credit for children under six in families with low and moderate incomes. The cost of living continues to increase and it is getting harder for parents to afford child care, health insurance, food and utilities. I know having the tax credit for my children has helped us with paying bills, during the winter just to heat my home it can be around \$1,000 every 4 weeks give or take. Knowing that I have the child tax credit has helped me with making sure I am able to keep food in my fridge and heating my house during the harder times. Offering an additional \$300 for the children tax could be a game changer for many families. So I ask to please vote in favor to pass LD 1294 and expand the Dependent Exemption Tax Credit for Maine Families.

Thank you for your time and for your support to help families of Maine.