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I currently live part of the year on Munjoy Hill which is home to a very diverse community. My children grew up in the Portland Public School system, attending Lyseth, Lyman Moore and Portland High school. Through my volunteering activities and watching my children interact with other children, I came to understand the dire need for funding of free lunches for children from underprivileged situations and of diverse backgrounds. Some children were unable to afford meals or were unhoused, while others did not have parents in this country. The children, along with their parents, relied on the children being fed during school hours. Please do not end this program. It is vital to our communities' health and would be devastating if it were discontinued. Of all the budget cuts that have been implemented recently, this one is of the cruelest.