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To the honorable members of this esteemed committee,
My name is Danielle Lane and I am the Associate Executive Director for the First Amendment Museum in Augusta Maine. I would like to encourage you to support the Honorable Mike Tipping's bill to provide additional funding for the University of Maine system.

Without programs of this like, I could not have pursued higher education and certainly not attained my Bachelor's degree. Supplemental funding for the State University system is crucial to the retention of young people and future taxpayers staying in the State of Maine. Opposition of such support in a time of unprecedented cuts to Federal support for institutes of higher learning would be destructive for generations to come.