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I have been involved with UMF since January, 1992, as an instructor, as a community singer, and as the wife of one of the philosophy professors. In all three ways I've seen UMF slowly decrease, due to the lack of funding. UMF is slowly dying, and that hurts the students, the staff, and the community of Farmington and the surrounding towns. In 2022, the Humanities Departments was amputated through the firing of nine professors, cutting foreign languages, women and gender studies, philosophy, and others. The most recent cut is the community choir, which has brought together UMF students and community members for decades. Class offerings have decreased, which impacts the vitality of the education for students. All these small shrinkages withers a once vibrant institution. UMF needs you to not just exist, but to thrive, for the sake of the students, the staff, and the communities it serves.