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Maine has had a well-deserved reputation for freedom and respect for the civil and human rights of individuals, and a culture of support and care for those on the margins and at risk. It is time (again) for Maine to stand on these values and reject scapegoating and falsehood, and continue to support and protect the truly vulnerable.

¹ https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s40279-021-01451-8?cjidata=MXxOfDB8WXww&utm_medium=affiliate&utm_source=commission_junction&utm_campaign=CO_NR_BOOKS_ECOM_GL_PBOK_ALWYS_DEEPLINK&utm_content=textlink&utm_term=PID100101652&CJEVENT=1bb75a3afb9111ef812200040a1cb829#change-history

² <https://bjsm.bmj.com/content/58/11/586>

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