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Dear Committee Members,

Today I urge you to oppose the forward movement on this bill. Everyday we are learning of new incidences of mishandling of taxpayer dollars, whether it's fraudulent enterprises or mismanagement of Maine Care/medicaid. Average taxpayers cannot shoulder more taxes, especially when those dollars will go to fund Planned Parenthood. Why should we single out one agency into perpetuity with our limited resources? Why not other agencies? Institutions? This seems very unwise. As the years go by, the disconnect between those that sit in Legislature and the hardworking Mainers that foot the bills grows increasingly wider. While Janet Mills may like to seem tough to get publicity for her floundering political career, it is costing Mainers federal dollars. This does not appear to be the result of an earnest attempt to address healthcare deficits but a political investment being made to solidify support in two tough races, that of Governor and the US Senate. I am not in support of this kind of spending. Not only does it go against common sense and a prudential handling of the State's limited resources but it appears to raise ethical questions about the use of the budget to prop up political support.