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I am writing to encourage an update to the outdated school funding formula for Maine schools. There is a fundamental unfairness that does not truly represent our communities. When we rely on property values, it does not adequately, assess the needs of our communities. Within our schools in RSU 12 property values do not equate to our families's ability to pay. This has resulted in the service to our schools and our children who attend school in RSU 12. An update to the funding formula would result in better ability to fund programs and teachers and make it more equitable statewide. I urge the committee to pass the updated funding formula to benefit all students in Maine.