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Senator Mike Tipping, Representative Amy Roeder, and Honorable Members of the Labor and Housing Committee:

I'm Steve Turner, from Mechanic Falls, Maine, testifying in favor of LD 1964, "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission to Develop a Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits Program."

I've often wondered why it is that we can afford to pay some employees good money -- very good money -- to stay away from work, so they can heal, and so they can care for themselves and their families during emergencies. But somehow, we just can't afford paid family and medical leave for other employees. Life being what it is, we all have an equal need, sometimes, to claw our way back from disaster and grief.

And here I was, thinking we Americans live in a classless society. Silly me.

We can afford to spend pots of money on new infrastructure projects -- but somehow, we just can't afford to invest in our own people. How odd. I thought we were better than that.

No business, great or small, can thrive and be successful, if the greater society, of which that business is a part, cannot also thrive and be successful. We employees are not just tools, to be dropped as soon as we're broken. And care can't wait. Why does that have to be explained?

Honorable Members of the Labor and Housing Committee, I urge you to pass this eminently fair, easily workable, and very necessary measure.

We have the chance today to show the world that we Mainers have the sanity, the intestinal fortitude, and the moral backbone to look out for each other. We have the chance today to show the world that we are not -- repeat NOT -- simply the lackeys and wage-slaves of giant out-of-state New World Order corporate interests. We can show the world that we are the proud citizens of what was once -- and can be again -- the greatest Representative Democracy on Earth. We have the chance to show the world that we **ARE** who we **SAY** we are.

Honorable Members of the Labor and Housing Committee, thank you.

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