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This message originates from outside the Maine Legislature.

The Honorable Janet Mills Governor of the State of Maine 1 State House Station Augusta Maine,04333

Dear Governor Mills,

Yummy Mummy requests your support of Senator Rotundo's bill LD 145 "An Act Pertaining to Sales and use Tax Exemption for Durable Medical Equipment, Breast Pumps and Mobility-enhancing Equipment".

Yummy Mummy is proud to support LD 145 which would provide a sales tax exemption for Durable Medical Equipment, breast pumps, and Mobility-Enhancing Equipment

Breast pumps are **basic necessities** for breastfeeding mothers, and early li**fe necessities** such as infant formula, baby food **and diapers** are exempt from sales and use tax. Taxing **breast pumps** and their supplies is not only **unjust but li**mits access to breastfeeding by making the **product more** expensive.

Eliminating this tax is one step Maine can take to improve access to breastfeeding and breastmilk for families of all socioeconomic statuses. LD 145 is a solution that's both simple and cost-effective and will help improve infant mortality rates in Maine. Breast milk is one of the most highly effective preventative measures to protect infant health - including reducing the chances of sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) .1

Families should have all available options for feeding their infants. By exempting the sales tax on breast pumps, LD 145 will remove an unnecessary barrier for families who seek to provide breast milk for their infant children.

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