

Testimony in Support of LD 1294

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Senator Grohoski, Representative Cloutier, and honorable committee members,

My name is Tabetha Thomas. I am a mom of 6 kids and I live in Waterville, Maine. I have 2 children under 6. I am a strong advocate for my children, family, friends, and my community.

I am here today to support LD 1294 and urge legislators to pass this bill.

I am currently a student at Kennebec Valley Community College studying mental health and case management. I work part-time in Food Service at Colby College. I would work more but between long hours being a mom and going to school, it's impossible to fulfill the needs of my children while still keeping up financially.

For me, the Child Tax Credit meant being able to cover things that a lot of people might take for granted like housing and getting my kids to important appointments.

The Child Tax Credit is something that can help working parents like me with a tight budget. It helps parents who are working hard to finish school to make a better life for their children's future. It provides peace of mind each year when there is so much stress each month to cover all the bills.

Wages are not high enough to keep up with the high costs of food, housing prices, and other basics. The rising costs are having a very real impact on my friends, family, and neighbors. Increasing the Maine Child Tax Credit would help my family meet the needs of food, clothing, and shelter for my children and make it easier for me to afford the necessities they need each year. Please pass LD 1294 for families like mine all across Maine. Thank you.