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China Village

As I drive by Augusta to get to my rural community in China Village, it became very evident that Maine has had a history of disproportionately funding communities. Choosing to fund cities over rural areas, it became even more evident when I learned how an isolated region was trying to compete with cities like Bangor for funding for a pool of grants. It's not equitable. When I see past funds for recovery initiatives go to cities like Portland or Augusta, and friends who've had their licenses revoked who also have no access to transportation to go get the care their need in those centralized places - it's even more evident. Rural communities and Tribes have been making due for so long now- it's about time, we are allocated funds more equitably.