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Leadership is not, nor has it ever been the loudest voice or getting the best soundbite on television. As adults, we have an obligation to lead, right now, in a manner that models the type of contribution we hope to see young people make. Support for LD2106 is an excellent opportunity for this committee to lead us towards the things each of us wants to people in Maine.

Thank you again for the opportunity to share my testimony with the committee. I respectfully urge you to support LD2106 before the committee today and any similar efforts in the future.

Thank you,

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