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Re: LD 1221 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Prohibit the Legislature from Using Paid Family and Medical Leave Program Funds for Any Other Purpose

Senator Tipping, Representative Roeder and Honorable Members of the Joint Labor Committee

I appreciate this opportunity to address you on this important matter. My name is Anne Gallaudet. I am a resident of Scarborough, Maine. I am writing *in opposition of* LD 1221.

The Maine's Paid Family and Medical Leave Program (PFML) was created by statute and now exists as a matter of law. How collected funds are to be used are prescribed by the authorizing statute. See Title 26, 850-E, Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Fund.

Thus, this bill does nothing more than: (1) propose a waste of taxpayers' money to the tune of over \$341,000 (see fiscal statement accompanying this bill) as the PFML authorizing statute has already addressed this issue; (2) confuse the public by suggesting the collected money could be used otherwise when the statute is already clear on this matter; and (3) wrongly turn this matter into one needing a *constitutional* solution which is inappropriate even if there was such a problem as alleged (which there is not).

Thank you for considering my comment. Please vote "ought not to pass" on LD 1221.

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