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LD 406

To the honorable members of the labor committee,

I urge you to vote 'ought not to pass' on LD406. Simply put, PFML will benefit workers and Maine-based employers. I can't express how absurd I find it that our conservative lawmakers are opposed to a bill that will protect Maine industries by offering a benefit that will help retain workers in those industries AND in the state of Maine.

This program will offer a necessary benefit to employees, many whom are employed by organizations and companies that can't afford to offer even close to an equivalent benefit. When we decry what happened to American industry, we are reflecting on the destruction of benefits like this, benefits that allow employees to work long-term in industries like manufacturing or forestry and have a life outside of work.

Thank you for your time.