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LD 1964

Dear members of the committee.

My name is Jessie, and I live in Bowdoin. I am writing today to ask you to support LD 1964 - An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission to Develop a Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits Program.

As the mother of a three year old, it is ONLY because I am one of the lucky ones who already had paid leave (from an out-of-state remote job) that I and my spouse did not have to drop out of the workforce altogether to care for our child. We were each able to take sufficient leave from our jobs to care for our infant and then return to work once she was of an age that she could attend school. I know countless people who have had to drop out of the workforce to care for children, parents, or other loved ones - resulting in impoverishment, loss of quality workers, and worse. Simply giving people the time they need to care for loved ones in the short-term, enables all of us to have a stronger and more secure workforce - and thus economy - in the long term.

Please support LD 1964.

Thank you for your time.