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Senator Baldacci, Representative Matlack, and distinguished members of the
Committee on State and Local Government,

My name is Vanessa McCausland, and I live in Littleton, Maine. I am writing to you today to ask that you vote "Ought to Pass" on LD 608 An Act Regarding the Governor's Emergency Powers. We have been under a state of emergency according to the governor for the past year, what started out as two weeks to flatten the curve has turned into 52 weeks. We had zero cases in Aroostook County one year ago when this all started. We didn't know much about this virus or what treatments would work but have learned a lot in the past year and there are treatments, many like me and my family choose to try and live a healthy lifestyle, support our immune systems so we are ready to fight off whatever virus we may encounter. Our children are being negatively affected by the mask mandates and social distancing, they get scolded if their mask slides down off their nose or they help a classmate pickup a spilt pencil box. What are we doing to these children? Why should one person get to decide what a whole state can and can't do? My husband has worked through this entire pandemic and our elected officials need to be working too. Our voices and theirs need to be heard, we all should have a vote in what happens in this state, there needs to be discussions about the risks and benefits associated with this continuing state of emergency moving forward in the pandemic. Thank you for your time, and I respectfully ask you to vote "Ought to Pass" on LD 608.