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I urge you to support the funding of a permanent commission for a number of reasons likely represented by the wide support being shared with you today. My hope is that you will imagine the future of the state of Maine, and whether or not you intend to sit by and pinch pennies, or if you want your legacy to be that one of actively building and investing in a better future for our state. The time is NOW to move forward as a community and this proposal will serve as an acknowledgement of the immense work we have to do together. Our communities cannot wait any longer for real, substantive change and this commission will be one step in the direction toward justice. "Never forget that justice is what love looks like in public." -Cornel West

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.