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As someone who has worked extensively in the field of racial equity, and as a resident of Maine who believes strongly in the importance of a prosperous State, I urge you to please provide funding to support the Commission.

Without a doubt, the Commissions work will be a high leverage investment, providing much needed research, guidance, and framing that will further empower and accelerate a whole number of other efforts across the State.

Given events this week, this work is more important than ever. Thank you so much for your consideration.

I would like to also invite each member of this committee to attend one of our Racial Equity Institute workshops designed to help leaders better understand the roots of persistent racial equity across the U.S. Please email me at [bay@bayardloveconsultants.com](mailto:bay@bayardloveconsultants.com) if that's of interest.