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I would like to offer this short written testimony in favor of providing permanent financial support to the Permanent Commission. How could such an entity be considered "permanent" without financial support? The need to consider racism and its impacts throughout systems in society should be clear by now. I believe it is clear to anyone paying attention. This is why the commission was created in the first instance. Now, in order for the State of Maine to fulfill the promise of that action, funding is essential. Otherwise, the Permanent Commission itself is exacerbating the inequities that exist by relying on BIPOC individuals to do the work of equity without compensation. Thank you for considering my comments.