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I am writing in support of the Office of New Americans. Immigrants add so much to Maine's economic and social vitality. Creating an office specifically for New Mainers is largely viewed as exclusive, given the need to improve economic opportunity for youth, people of color, and other disadvantaged populations. The new Maine Office for New Americans will support the integration of immigrants into our state's economy, workforce, and communities. As Maine's demographics continue to shift, it is important to address this proactively. For generations, immigrants from all over the world have built Maine into what it is today. Now, we will build on that tradition. Thanks for your consideration.