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**Subject:** Please vote for LD 33

Dear Health & Human Services Committee members,

With Maine's struggling economy it makes no sense at all for our TANF program to offer benefits for 60 months, far longer than our neighboring states. Our wealthier and more populated neighbors like Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Connecticut all have shorter time limits on these welfare benefits. Maine's time limit on these benefits is nearly 3 times that of Connecticut.

Our 60 month time limit is serving to lure people who are more of a drain on our system rather than the productive workers that we need.

Please vote for LD 33 and shorten our TANF time limit.

Thank you.

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