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LaPlante, Jill

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**Sent:** Friday, April 21, 2017 10:13 AM  
**To:** LaPlante, Jill  
**Subject:** LD 33

Dear Ms LaPlante,

Please acknowledge my dismay at shortening the months people in Maine could remain on welfare. So many of those impacted are single mothers with children living in rural areas where there are too few options for jobs or job training. And we all know how limited day care is! As a young mother living in rural Maine, I saw the mothers of my son's friends struggle to find work and also care for their children; I saw children coming home after school to empty houses at shockingly young ages. A child gets sick, a car needs work, and they are out of a job - again. Meanwhile, I had to travel 60 miles a day for a job in my field. These scenarios are multiplied across the state. How can women with few skills little money and children to collect from school and/or daycare function with no assistance? Think of the future of our state, the next generation!

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