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Maine Association of Public Housing Directors
Maine Center for Economic Policy
Maine Children's Alliance
Maine Coalition for Housing and Quality Services
Maine Community Action Partnership
Maine Conservation Alliance
Maine Council of Churches
Maine Council on Aging
Maine Equal Justice
Maine Immigrants' Rights Coalition
Maine Prisoner Advocacy Coalition
Maine Prisoner Reentry Network
Maine Public Health Association
Mayors Coalition
Natural Resources Council of Maine
YMCA Alliance of Maine

June 8, 2020

The Honorable Susan Collins
413 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Collins,

We are proud of the way Mainers have come together to keep our communities safe in these difficult days, and are appreciative of the work you've done thus far to help address the unprecedented challenges we are facing.

However, the need is immense and bold response is needed.

The Maine Together Coalition urges you to seek the most robust funding levels possible in the next relief package, with significant investments in:

- **Budget relief for state and local governments**
- **Rental assistance for vulnerable tenants and a fixed 4% rate for the low income housing tax credit program**
- **Childcare system infrastructure and assistance for families**
- **Community-based behavioral health treatment and social services**
- **Streamlining federal aid application processes**

Further, as Congress plans for both immediate and long-term recovery, we urge you to align investment and policy priorities to create meaningful and lasting structural change in our society and economy. The COVID crisis has exposed gaping holes in our current systems. We should not let an opportunity to make meaningful and lasting investments in a better future for Maine pass us by.

Congress must take bold action to restore opportunity for American families and ensure that our communities are safe and secure for all.

We look forward to working with you to ensure federal relief efforts reflect the values and needs of Maine's people.

Sincerely,
Maine Together