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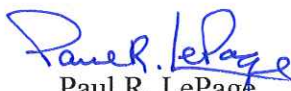
Greetings,

On behalf of the State of Maine, I would like to recognize the important work of the National Diaper Bank Network, which supports a network of more than 300 active diaper banks, including the Michael Klahr Jewish Family Services Diaper Bank of Portland and the We Care Community Baby Center of Machias.

National surveys report that one in three mothers experience diaper need at some time while their children are younger than 3 years of age, and 48 percent of families delay changing a diaper to extend their supply. The average infant or toddler requires an average of 50 diaper changes per week over three years. Maine is proud to be home to various community organizations that recognize the importance of diapers in helping provide economic stability for families. During the course of the last year, diaper banks in Maine distributed more than 300,000 diapers to local families in need – supporting nearly 8,000 babies. By helping to close the diaper gap in Maine, more parents are able to work, continue their education, and increase the general emotional and mental well-being of the family unit.

I appreciate the work of individuals and organizations in Maine and throughout the country that have committed to supporting families. Best wishes as you continue this important work and may we all continue to work to end diaper need and leave no child in need.

Sincerely,


Paul R. LePage
Governor of Maine



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