

Letter to the editor

I am proud that the State of Maine has two United States Senators who will stand up to partisan politics and risk criticism to do what is right for all United States citizens.

I work as the managing director of the Maine Association for Community Service Providers (MACSP). MACSP is an association of nearly 70 organizations delivering services to individuals with developmental disabilities and autism. Our state wide network of services includes home, community, and employment supports as well as early intervention, case management, respite, and crisis services. We serve 4800 individuals and employ over 5000 dedicated workers.

Just as most Americans are suffering with the international economic crisis, people we work with are having hard times. As I listen to and read about the analysis, historical and current, of the solutions to this problem, one stands out: we need some government spending to help move the United States economy. I do not pretend to know the best balance of spending programs. I do know that without the hard work of Senator Collins and the vote and support of Senator Snowe, there would not be a Senate bill for reconciliation with the House bill.

Thank you to these two hard working and brave Senators. They are showing that once again Maine produces independent thinkers and doers who can demonstrate how to put people before politics.

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