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To the Committee to Study the Feasibility of Basic Income Security:

I believe the Committee and its proposed Feasibility Study are crucial in promoting effective strategies for providing direct, unconditional cash benefits to residents to address income inequality and poverty in Maine.

I am suggesting a several step process to establish that Study and to utilize it to benefit Maine residents. I hope the Committee can implement something like this process in the coming few days.

1. The Committee would identify a contractor to do this Feasibility Study and include that information in a report by the Committee by 12/15/21.
2. Use the remainder of the \$25,000 raised, other than current or anticipated expenses for the Committee, which could be more than \$20,507, for this contract. Begin the contract by 12/15/21 or soon after.
3. Offer the option of the contractor expanding the scope of the Study if more money is raised and approved in a timely way by the Legislative Council.
4. Provide a minimum of three months for the Study and a report by the contractor submitted during the month of October, 2022.
5. Maintain the Committee during 2022, if possible, to receive the Feasibility Study report.
6. Refer the Study report (also), at least, to the Labor and Housing Committee of the Legislature for recommendations and possible legislation during the 131st legislature beginning in 2023.

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