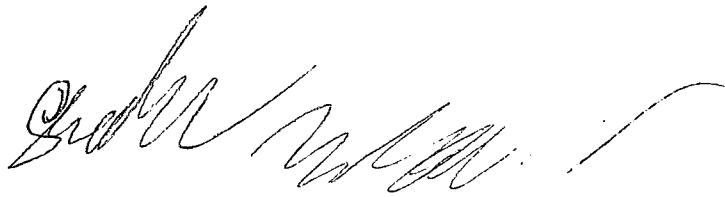


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Working at a young age teaches responsibility along with money and time management, right now the labor laws in Maine make it extremely hard for businesses to hire young people and give them reasonable amounts of work. By loosening these stringent laws we will be giving the young people in Maine a chance to succeed in the real world, teaching valuable skills as well as preparing them for independence. Maine has some of the strictest child labor laws especially concerning where kids can work and for how long, allowing children under the age of 17 to work in movie theaters and bowling alleys opens up many new jobs for kids looking to make some money, although I am now old enough to work pretty much where ever I want I truly wish that I had had such opportunity when I was younger and wish that other kids could have that chance.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Judah Merrill", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.