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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the people of Maine, congratulations to Preble Street and Project DASH on the exciting new partnership you are unveiling today. And thank you to Preble Street staff and volunteers for continuing to do what you have done since 1975: listening to the most marginalized voices in our communities, understanding the needs those voices are articulating, and ensuring those needs do not go unmet.

During my first term as Governor, Maine has taken the historic step of committing to end hunger by 2030. The roadmap we laid out to reach that goal, "Everyone at the Table," recognizes that it will take everyone doing their part to help us achieve it. This new partnership between Preble Street and Door Dash—a project that addresses logistics to increase food rescue and meal donations from restaurants while reducing food waste—is precisely the kind of innovative thinking and problem-solving that tackling hunger in Maine needs. It is through this kind of collaboration, one that brings local organizations and the private sector together, that we will ensure Maine people get the healthy and nutritious food that they deserve.

In 2021, hunger in Maine fell below national averages for the first time in over a decade. But we know that there are still many economic challenges that continue to force so many Maine families to the brink of hunger. We are doing everything we can to help make essentials like childcare, healthcare, heating costs, and housing accessible and affordable while expanding SNAP eligibility and channeling record amounts of Maine food into charitable food distribution. And I'm proud to say that we took nation-leading action to make sure that all Maine students receive school meals at no cost. This investment in our children prepares them for future success and gives parents peace of mind. My Administration will continue to do everything we can to increase food security in Maine, and we deeply appreciate your efforts to do the same.

As Governor, I am committed to working with the legislature and organizations across the state to address food insecurity and end hunger in Maine by 2030, and I am truly grateful for hard working and committed people like each of you here today who are helping us achieve that goal. I personally thank you for your dedication to ensuring that Maine people are free from hunger.

Thank you,

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