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Dear Parents:

I would like to bring to your attention the dangers associated with underage drinking among teens as prom and graduation season is upon us. Some parents think it is enough to take away car keys so that their teen and their teen's friends can "party safely". What you may not know is that parents who do are breaking state law by serving their teen's friends alcohol or by allowing them to drink at their home.

I am joining Healthy Androscoggin, Project Unite! and other Maine prevention coalitions to support "*Parents Who Host, Lose The Most: Don't Be A Party to Teenage Drinking*". Parents are the best protectors that young people have against underage drinking. In order to protect the health, safety and future of our youth, we must encourage parents and the community to take responsibility and give teens the clear message that there is no safe way to drink alcohol at their age. "*Parents Who Host, Lose The Most*" is the kind of program that gives parents good information about the risks of underage drinking and the legal consequences of providing alcohol to youth.

I ask you to join me in this campaign and to do your part in preventing underage drinking. Prom and graduation are important milestones in young people's lives. Teenagers deserve to live and grow in an environment where alcohol is not misused. Together we can raise the standard and set the norm that encourages all youth to embrace positive healthy lifestyles free of alcohol and drugs.

Thank you for your help with this important effort.

Sincerely,

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First Lady of Maine