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TO: Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs
FROM: Maine Principals' Association Legislative Committee
**RE: Neither For Nor Against LD 1902: Resolve, To Establish
a Pilot Program To Encourage Climate Education in
Maine Public Schools**
DATE: January 25, 2022

Senator Rafferty, Representative Brennan and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. My name is Dr. Holly Blair, and I am the Executive Director of the Maine Principals' Association's – Professional Division. The MPA represents more than 800 PreK-12 principals and assistant principals of public and private schools in Maine.

The MPA is neither for nor against LD 1902. While we agree that schools should include a level of climate education, this topic included in the Next Generation Science Standards and covered already. The MPA Legislative Committee recognizes that this is a grant opportunity to establish additional pilot programs and therefore is not mandated in all schools and/or districts, but we are also concerned with the cost that is associated with this bill. We believe that the \$3 million dollars allocated to this grant could be used in better manners to further education.

For these reasons, the MPA is Neither For Nor Against LD 1902.