

Senator Rebecca Millett Representative Victoria Kornfield Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs c/o Legislative Information Office 100 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

Commissioner Pender Maker Maine Department of Education 23 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0023

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Dear Senator Millett, Representative Kornfield and Commissioner Maker:

On behalf of the New Mainer Resource Center (NMRC) and Portland Adult Education (PAE), we are pleased to submit NMRC's 2018-2019 Annual Report. As you will see, the State's \$75,000 annual investment has been effectively leveraged to provide services to more than 300 foreign born professionals; develop sector specific programming, such as our Education Academy which is replicable to school districts around the state; and, with our review of credentialing and licensing issues, have begun to identify the systemic barriers faced by these professionals as they strive to put their skills to work in Maine.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like more information about our program.

Sincerely,

Executive Director Portland Adult Education

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