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Senator Matthea Daughtry
Representative Michael Brennan
Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs
c/o Legislative Information Office
100 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

Commissioner Pender Makin
Maine Department of Education Maine DOE
23 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Daughtry, Representative Brennan and Commissioner Makin:

On behalf of the New Mainer Resource Center (NMRC) and Portland Adult Education (PAE), we are pleased to submit NMRC's 2019-2020 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 Teller Training Program and Education Academy which meet both the needs of workers as well as employers; and, with our extensive research into the licensing challenges of foreign trained health professionals and recommendations to stakeholders on how to remove barriers. We look forward to not only continuing but building on this work in the coming years.

In addition to our annual report, we are also sending to you another report on recently completed research we have done on the licensing barriers faced by foreign trained health professionals. *Report of the Foreign Trained Health Professional Licensing Pilot Project*. While the focus of this work was on healthcare professionals, many of the recommendations are applicable across the board to other foreign trained professionals.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like more information about any of this work or our program. We would very much appreciate an opportunity to come before your committee and present our work.

Sincerely,

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