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**TO: Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs**  
**FROM: Maine Principals' Association Legislative Committee**  
**RE: In Opposition of LD 684: An Act to Implement Pilot Programs with Publicly Funded Day Care and Early Childhood Education**  
**DATE: April 13, 2023**

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 – Professional Division. The MPA represents more than 800 PreK-12 principals and assistant principals of public and private schools in Maine.

The MPA Legislative Committee is in opposition of LD 684. We do understand the concept of the bill and believe that the bill has good intentions, however we are very concerned about an unintended consequence that the bill may create. Our primary concern is the funds to cover the cost of this bill will be coming from the already limited general education funds. This will cause schools to not meet the needs of the k-12 students that are currently enrolled in their districts.

For these reasons, we strongly urge the Committee to vote Ought Not to Pass LD 684.