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To

Education and Cultural Affairs Committee, Maine State Legislature

Subject: In favor of the LD1367 proposal to increase funding in subsidy to adult education programs

Dear Education and Cultural Affairs committee members,

It is my pleasure to enthusiastically recommend Lewiston Adult Education for the career programs they offer. This place has been and still is such a blessing to me.

I arrived in the US about 2 years ago and had the amazing opportunity to start working as a volunteer at the center 6 months after my arrival. It was an enriching experience to be able to greet the students and the visitors, welcome and direct them depending on their needs. I later became a student myself when I joined the "Applied Technology in the Workplace" program.

A month and a half of training paired with 10 months of volunteering at the Lewiston Adult Education was all I needed to be noticed by great companies and local administrations. I ended up working at the Lewiston DHHS office. In my turn, I am able to give back to the State of Maine and spread the warm welcome I received when I first arrived.

The State of Maine does not only invest in the development of current and new programs at the Adult Education Centers across Maine but also in people's lives and their integration into the local society.

Kind regards,

**Urgele Reningot**