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I am writing in support of LD 2001. After working with Maine public schools for the past 5 years, I have seen a major need for educators to have support, resources, curriculum, in order to integrate Black history and make Black/African American students feel welcome and respected in the classroom. The racial diversity in Maine's classroom will continue to grow, and the resources offered to Maine teachers needs to equally grow. If we as a state are going to prioritize Wabanaki studies, we need to equally prioritize African American studies as another important missing aspect of Maine students education and Maine's history.