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To the esteemed members of the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, My name is Diane Oltarzewski and I am a resident of Belfast ME. I believe that LD 2231 deserves your support because the Hutchinson Center in our town was created for the purpose of community education, and it has served as a great amenity for this community. UMaine's decision to close the facility and sell it is a betrayal of Belfast residents, and we don't want to see it become some corporate headquarters or similar private entity, depriving us of all the classrooms, auditorium, gallery space and grounds - all the aspects that make it so appealing and that we have enjoyed for so long. If UMaine needs some compensation for this transition, I would hope that some of the budget surplus could be set aside for this purpose. The important thing is to preserve the Hutchinson Center for the Belfast community. Please vote Ought to Pass for this bill. Thank you!