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**TO: Committee on State and Local Government**  
**FROM: Maine Principals' Association Legislative Committee**  
**RE: Neither For Nor Against LD 53: An Act to Establish the  
November General Election Day as a State Holiday**  
**DATE: February 10, 2025**

Senator Baldacci, Representative Salisbury, and distinguished members of the Committee on State and Local Government. My name is Dr. Holly Blair, and I am the Executive Director of the Maine Principals' Association – Professional Division. The MPA represents more than 700 PreK-12 Principals and Assistant Principals, CTE Directors and Assistant Directors, and Athletic Directors of public and private schools in Maine.

The MPA Legislative Committee is neither for nor against LD 53. In some municipalities in Maine, schools are used as polling places. While there could be a learning opportunity for students to see how our democratic society works, in some schools it creates a disruption to the school. It can also create a safety issue for those schools who do not have proper security to man the desks at the polling station. For these reasons, making the General Election Day a state holiday would help these schools tremendously.

We are not in support of the bill because this would cause another day outside of school in the month of November – which is already short due to Veterans' Day and the Thanksgiving break. This is a disruption to the students' learning and could cause schools to go longer into the month of June.

For these reasons, the MPA is Neither For Nor Against LD 53.