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TO: Committee on Labor

FROM: Maine Principals' Association Legislative Committee

**RE: In Support of LD 111: An Act to Increase the State's
Share of Retired Teacher Health Insurance**

DATE: February 12, 2025

Senator Tipping, Representative Roeder, and distinguished members of the Committee on Labor. 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 unanimously supports the passing of LD 111. During the 131st Legislature, it was voted on and approved by the governor for the state to cover 60% of a retired teacher's share of the premium for group accident and sickness or health insurance. This has proven to be much appreciated and necessary for retired educators who are on a fixed income. Unfortunately, their income doesn't increase as other costs for living have. By having the 132nd legislature pass LD 111, this will help all of those educators who gave so much to the citizens of Maine by reducing the cost that they will have to pay out of pocket to meet their medical needs by covering 65% of the cost in the upcoming year and then 70% after July 1, 2026.

The MPA strongly urges the Committee to vote unanimously Ought to Pass on LD 111.