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To Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs
Regarding L.D. 34, “An Act to Increase the Minimum Salary for Teachers”.

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Sen. Rafferty, Rep. Murphy, and members of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony before you today. I’m Penny Morrell, taxpayer and citizen of the Town of Belgrade, Maine.

I oppose L.D., 34, “An Act to Increase the Minimum Salary for Teachers”.

Local control of education is my preferred way to govern. I don’t believe unions should be allowed for public employees first of all. Secondly, taxpayers should have a voice in funds paid to educators in this case and public officials in general. The further away from local voices, the less knowledge of individuals and needs.

I urge this committee to vote “ought not to pass” on LD 34. Thank you.