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TO: Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs
FROM: Maine Principals' Association Legislative Committee
**RE: In Opposition of LD 78: An Act to Require Elementary
School Students to Learn Cursive Writing**
DATE: February 27, 2025

Senator Rafferty, Representative Murphy, and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. 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 in opposition to LD 78. The Committee supports the concept of the bill and agrees that learning how to read and write in cursive is an important part of learning for Maine students.

The MPA Legislative Committee is in opposition of this bill because Maine is a local control state, and it is up to the local school boards to determine if, how, and when cursive writing will be taught. We are also concerned about the time that it would take to teach cursive writing. If this were to be a state mandate, that would take away time from other curriculum that also has to be taught.

For this reason, we urge the Committee to vote Ought Not to Pass LD 78.