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Members of the Maine State Legislature

Subject: Recommendation to Support LD 34 – An Act to Increase the Minimum Salary for Teachers

Dear Members of the Maine State Legislature,

I am writing to express my strong support for LD 34: An Act to Increase the Minimum Salary for Teachers, which aims to raise the minimum salary for public school educators. As an advocate for quality education, I believe that increasing the minimum salary for teachers is essential for the continued success of Maine's public education system.

Public school teachers are the cornerstone of our education system. They dedicate themselves daily to shaping the minds and futures of our students, often under challenging conditions and with limited resources. In recognition of their hard work and invaluable contribution to society, it is critical that teachers are compensated fairly. A raise in their minimum salary will help attract and retain qualified professionals, ensure that they can focus on their passion for teaching rather than financial strain, and further elevate the quality of education provided to our students.

A competitive salary not only benefits teachers, but also benefits the community at large by ensuring that our schools remain strong, well-staffed, and capable of delivering high-quality education to every student. Teachers who are paid fairly feel valued and are more likely to remain in the profession long-term, which reduces turnover and provides students with consistency and stability.

Therefore, I urge you to support LD 34 and vote in favor of increasing the minimum salary for public school teachers. This investment in our educators is an investment in the future of Maine's children and the continued strength of our state.

Thank you for considering my recommendation. I trust that you will give this important bill the support it deserves. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

Erica Brown