

Gail Leiser
Bar Harbor
LD 471

Senator Rafferty, Representative Murphy, and distinguished members of the committee on Education and Cultural Affairs,

My name is Gail Leiser and I have owned and operated a seasonal restaurant (April - November) in Bar Harbor with my husband since 1986. We employ approximately 50 people (~35 full-time equivalent) each season, including five year-round managers. Several of our former employees have gone on to open their own restaurants.

Every year it is increasingly difficult to find Maine workers. LD471 could help our business, and other small businesses, by providing new Mainers with the English skills needed to work in the Maine tourism industry.

I urge you to pass LD471. Let's get more people successfully working in Maine!

Thank you for your consideration,

Gail Leiser