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LD 787

Dear Senator Rafferty, Representative Murphy and esteemed members of the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs,

I write to you today in support of Senator Jackson's bill, LD 787 - An Act to Clarify Residency Requirements for and Provide Funding to the Maine School of Science and Mathematics.

The Maine School of Science and Mathematics (MSSM) is one of the top high schools in the state of Maine and in our nation. It provides the youth of Maine the education, background and experience to excel in their future endeavors. As an alum of the pioneer class, I can attest to the great education and advancement MSSM has provided me. I am the first of over 27 years of graduates to now benefit from this academic excellence. As a low-income student from New Gloucester, Maine none of this would have been possible for me without the aid provided to me at that time. The legacy and impact of the graduates of MSSM is now long-standing. LD 787 will ensure that future generations can benefit the way I and countless others have over the past 27 years. These funds will be essential to providing the next generation the resources needed to experience the best education our state has to offer.

I urge you to vote yes on LD 787 to support MSSM, the youth and future of Maine.