Susan Donohoe Falmouth LD 1202

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of LD 1202, providing funds for an African American Curriculum, especially as it pertains to New Mainers from Africa, who make up 20-30% of our elementary classrooms. It is important to me, as a Maine educator and community member, that we foster tolerance and celebrate diversity, and continue to prioritize teaching robust, accurate and meaningful curriculum. I would advocate that we provide additional funding. As a teacher who formerly taught in Oregon, I am quite surprised by the lack of firm guidelines to teach inclusive American history at all grade levels in the Maine social studies standards. Please support this bill.

Thank you, Susan Donohoe