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To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of LD 957 to establish the African American studies advisory council and provide funding to support African American studies. It is crucial to provide access to a wide variety of resources and information in learning spaces to develop critical thinking skills, empathy, and to continue to develop the fair, equitable and diverse world we want to live in. It is important to me, as a Maine educator and community member, that we continue to develop systems to support adequately compensating people for their expertise and continue to prioritize teaching robust, accurate and meaningful curriculum.