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Good morning. Bill 1571 undermines the strength and goals of public charters who strive for student academic and social success through alternative teaching methods & hiring teachers who are successful professionals in their fields, be it dance, theatre, music, science, literature language or social science. Our teachers have the opportunity to gain a teaching degree in the first years at MeAA to enhance their teaching performance. MeAA would not survive without this hiring ability. We are a very successful Maine Charter whose students graduate with high academic standards, attend colleges & universities or start a career immediately after high school. Clearly charters have unique qualities, unique services and unique students, which calls for hiring uniquely talented teachers.