

Senator Rafferty, Representative Murphy and other members of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee,

My name is D. Gordon Mott. I live in Lakeville in Penobscot County. I write today to testify in support of LD 1219, An Act to Increase State Funding for the Campuses of the University of Maine System and to Raise the Minimum Hourly Wage for Employees of the System.

Having been born and brought up in the depression years of the 1930's on a marginal farm in near poverty and having gone on to have a professional career for 71 years as the result of university level education at two universities, I know well the importance of university education.

I also know first hand of the importance of some of the elements of the UMaine system, in particular the School of Forestry, and Fogler Library, both of which have contributed positively to areas of research and management during my 50 years as citizen of Maine.

I have read the detailed analysis of why this legislation has been developed and wish to endorse the reasoning and analysis wholeheartedly.

Please vote it Ought to Pass.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D. Gordon Mott".