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To Whom it May Concern,

Please consider my support for LD 1705 An Act Regarding Adult Education Funding and Oversight. As the Assistant Director of Admissions at Northern Maine Community College, I have seen firsthand the benefits of our Adult Education partnership. Our admissions team relies on our CCSC to work with students who are not performing at a college-ready level in English and math. Our CCSC connects with these students and is the key person in ensuring these students receive the necessary academic support to continue to work toward their education goals. It is often confusing and frustrating for students who need extra support to understand their next steps and how to access the resources they need to pursue their chosen program.

Our CCSC is truly a partner with NMCC in making sure these students get set up with the correct work with an adult education teacher and also follows up throughout the semester to gauge their progress. This is something we will not be able to sustain in our admissions office without a CCSC. Just today, I worked with a student who was not academically prepared for technical math when they first applied. With our CCSC's collaboration and adult education's academic support, he took advantage of academic support session on our campus and is currently on track to pass technical math and continue on with his trade. Without our partnership with adult education, I firmly believe this student would have become frustrated with trying to navigate this system of support on his own and I doubt he would be where he is today. This is just one example of many that highlights the many benefits of a direct partnership between adult education and NMCC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jacqueline Martin".

Jacqueline Martin, MSC

Assistant Director of Admissions

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