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Honorable Education Committee,

Please continue the funding of the Maine JRP Coordinators. Their liaison duties with our Adult Ed program have been a huge help in supporting out AE grads with effective assistance in enrollment, guidance and following their progress. This Coordinator role has been invaluable in connecting Adult Ed Programs with the Community Colleges. Without them the communications connections will once again face dire consequences for supporting our AE Grads.

Our primary Contacts have been at KVCC and EMCC. THESE COORDINATORS ALWAYS STEP UP to support our Students to succeed in college studies. Their close relationship to DOE has been invaluable in accessing all the resources needed to liaison with local Adult Education Advisors and Directors.

The State Program has:

3,229 learners have been served by College and Career Success Coordinators and Navigators

385 learners entered workforce training or employment

485 learners have entered the Maine Community College System

1,234 learners have created academic and career plans with Success Coordinators and Navigators

33% of learners enrolled in the CCSC program are multi-lingual learners (MLL) 98.5% satisfaction rate from learner anonymous surveys

Demographic data: Women 65%; BIPOC 37%; Multi-lingual learners 33%; Low Income 51%; Unemployed/Underemployed 75%; Justice involved 8%. (Data compiled from quarterly reports and MaineSTARS)

Thankyou for your consideration of this request.