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My name is Ronald Kennedy and I support this bill. I am a long time board member for rsu 37 and during this time we have taken the lead on vocational education in western Washington county. we have written grants to fund a building in our area along with raising hundreds of thousands more from our local taxpayers for improvements to the building and expanding the courses offered to all the schools in our area. i feel that there have been times over the past years that new courses have been delayed by having to go through the structure as it currently is. for example our cna course was self funded for several years while waiting for approval from the machias body our students need all the vocational education courses we can afford to give them. I believe that past precedent shows that rsu 37 has been the leader in our area at doing this and our efforts should not be constrained by the structure that is now in place but should be changed