

Written testimony in support of An Act to Establish the Maine STEAM Matching Grant Program
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To whom it may concern,

My name is Chanelle Lambert, a mentor of robotics team 2648 Infinite Loop, in support of An Act to Establish the Maine STEAM Matching Grant Program. Being a student on Infinite Loop has been one of the most transformative experiences of my life. When I first joined, I had no idea how much it would change the way I see challenges—or myself. Working alongside passionate teammates, I learned to take risks, experiment with new ideas, and step outside my comfort zone.

The collaborative environment helped me form meaningful connections with people who shared my curiosity. Together, we solved problems that at first seemed impossible under tight deadlines. Each challenge was an opportunity to grow not just technically, but personally.

Robotics has shown me that failure isn't the end—it's part of the process. That mindset has given me the confidence to try new things and even try again if things don't go to plan. More than just building robots, we were building the skills and resilience needed for the future.

To me, robotics is more than a club—it's a tool that empowers the next generation to develop, grow, and shape the world around them. I do believe with funding we can make robotics programs more accessible to students who will go on to be our next great leaders, inventors and problem solvers. That is why I am in support of An Act to Establish the Maine STEAM Matching Grant Program.

Thank you,