

Education and Cultural Affairs Committee

Date: 01/24/2025

RE: Bill LD 2008 - An Act to Provide Funding to the Maine School of Science and Mathematics and Clarify Sending School Administrative Unit Obligations

Written Testimony of Kristie Licata

Dear Education and Cultural Affairs Committee,

My name is Kristie Licata, I live in the town of Eddington, and I am in full support of the Bill before you; LD 2008. My daughter is a Freshman at Maine School of Science and Mathematics (MSSM) after attending Holbrook Middle School located in the town of Holden. There are three towns that attend the RSU 63 school district, Eddington, Holden and Clifton. All RSU 63 students have their choice of High School as the district is not contracted with any High School.

Despite the choice of High School, the school board has chosen not to cover the room and board costs associated with attending MSSM. I have petitioned the school board on two separate occasions to revisit the school's policy surrounding this; however, the request to revise policy was denied both times. I fully believe in and support MSSM as we have found this to be the best High School choice for my daughter. I do not qualify for financial aid and have had to carry the full room and board costs out of pocket.

Sincerely,

Kristie Licata