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Testimony of Debra McIntyre, Executive Director, on behalf of the members of the Maine Curriculum Leaders Association, testifying in opposition of LD 2089 An Act to Require Schools to Provide Instruction Regarding Prevention of the Illegal Use of Fentanyl and Other Drugs and Drug Poisoning Awareness in Grades 6 to 12 and to Establish Drug Poisoning Awareness Week.

Senator Rafferty, Representative Brennan, and members of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee, my name is Debra McIntyre, and I am the Executive Director of the Maine Curriculum Leaders Association. On behalf of the members of MCLA, I offer testimony in opposition to LD 2089 An Act to Require Schools to Provide Instruction Regarding Prevention of the Illegal Use of Fentanyl and Other Drugs and Drug Poisoning Awareness in Grades 6 to 12 and to Establish Drug Poisoning Awareness Week.

As I have stated before, the Maine Learning Results standards provide a set of clear expectations as to what students should know, understand and be able to do as they progress through the K-12 grade span. The standards outlined in the Maine Learning Results guide the curriculum development process that is completed at the local level. These processes and procedures guide school districts in their work and should continue to do so.

State statute already requires that the secondary course of study in health include the effects of alcoholic drinks, stimulants, and narcotics upon the human system. In addition, the current Maine Learning Results requires instruction in substance use prevention for grades 3 -12. While it does not specifically state fentanyl, we believe that this opioid drug is covered as well as others. Again, we believe that the Maine Learning Results revision process is where any content specific changes should occur.

For these reasons, MCLA is opposed to LD 2089. Thank you for your time.