

RE: Support for LD 1627 – An Act Regarding Workforce Development, Education Reform, and Talent Retention

Dear Senator Rafferty, Representative Murphy, and members of the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs:

I am writing as a concerned and hopeful citizen of Maine to express my support for LD 1627 – An Act Regarding Workforce Development, Education Reform, and Talent Retention.

This bill addresses a challenge that many of us in our communities see firsthand: too many young people are graduating from high school uncertain of what comes next, and too many employers are struggling to find the talent they need to grow and contribute to our economy.

LD 1627 offers a proactive and responsible approach. It gives students earlier exposure to career options and ensures that every graduate has at least one work-based learning experience before they leave high school. Whether students choose college, technical training, or a direct path into the workforce, this bill gives them more information and better preparation to make those decisions with confidence.

It also supports the businesses and organizations that power our local economies by offering incentives to help them invest in talent, support their workers, and contribute to stronger communities.

What I appreciate most is that LD 1627 doesn't add to the state's budget — it makes better use of what we already spend by focusing on real outcomes.

This is the kind of legislation that benefits everyone — students, families, employers, and taxpayers. It connects education to opportunity in a meaningful and measurable way.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I respectfully urge you to support LD 1627 with a vote of OUGHT TO PASS.

Sincerely,
Bill Daviero