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**Subject:** Please Oppose LD 1571.

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April 23, 2025

132<sup>nd</sup> Maine Legislature Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs  
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RE: LD 1571 - An Act to Modify Certification Standards for Full-time Teachers in Public Charter Schools and for Educational Technicians

Dear Legislators,

My name is Christopher K. Ring and I am a community member residing in Hartland, Maine. I have recently heard about the proposed bill LD 1751 being referred to the Committee on Educational and Cultural Affairs.

This bill would **require** all teachers at Maine's charter schools to hold a teaching certificate immediately upon hire and it eliminates the current exemption to allow teachers to become certified within 3 years or if the teacher holds an advanced degree, professional certification or possess unique expertise or experience in the relevant curricular area.

**This bill would disqualify some highly qualified and exceptional educators from teaching in Maine's charter schools.** In a time when our State already has a teacher shortage in areas such as Visual Arts, Music, World Languages, Gifted/Talented, Deaf-Hearing Impaired, and Students with Disabilities, **this bill will harm Maine's students and be a step in the wrong direction.**

I appreciate your help and ask you to please send me a response letting me know that you oppose LD 1571.

Sincerely,

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