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**Senator Joe Rafferty Testimony
In Support of LD 2046, “An Act to Update Certain Duties Regarding Student
Health Related to Communicable and Infectious Disease”**

Good morning Representative Murphy, and distinguished members of the Joint Select Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. My name is Joe Rafferty and I proudly represent the people of Senate District 34 including Berwick, North Berwick, Wells, Kennebunk and Kennebunkport.

I am here today to introduce LD 2046, “An Act to Update Certain Duties Related to Communicable and Infectious Diseases.” This bill clarifies the duties of school personnel, superintendents and parents with regard to reporting symptoms of communicable or infectious diseases. The bill also clarifies that the duty for school nurses to supervise and coordinate health-related activities must be carried out in accordance with the most recent school nursing practices and follow all applicable rules adopted by the State Board of Nursing.

I am presenting this legislation on behalf of the Department of Education. That said, I would defer your questions to them as they’ll have more knowledge of the specifics than I can provide.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph E. Rafferty Jr.".

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