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Senator Matthea Daughtry, Representative Michael Brennan and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, my name is Holly Stover and I serve as the House Representative for District 89; encompassing the towns of Boothbay, Boothbay Harbor, Southport, Edgecomb, Westport Island and part of South Bristol.

I am writing in support of L.D. 440 “An Act to Conserve the Future of the Frances Perkins Homestead National Historic Landmark” regarding the importance of conserving the historical and cultural property for continued public use.

The Frances Perkins Homestead, an 1837 Brick House and surrounding 57 acres has been owned and cared for by the Perkins family for over 270 years. This property provides a unique opportunity for public education about Frances Perkins’ and the homestead’s place in Maine's history.

The historic preservation of the Frances Perkins Homestead by the Frances Perkins Center, a public nonprofit, is our opportunity to save the beloved homestead of Frances Perkins. In doing so, we guarantee that the future generations will be inspired by her legacy of social and economic justice that is rooted here in Maine and continues to benefit all Americans.

Frances Perkins dedicated her life to improving the lives of people. In her own words that “The people are what matter to the government, and a government should aim to give all people under its jurisdiction the best possible life.” Frances Perkins epitomized her own words and left a legacy that exists today. I ask for your support of this bill and the funding request for the Frances Perkins Homestead.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly B. Stover