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Senator Daughtry, Representative Brennan and members of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee. I am Ashlyn Beebe, a Sr. in the EMT and Pre-Apprenticeship Program at Region 10, submitting written testimony on behalf of the students from Region 10 Technical High School in Brunswick in support of LD 680: Resolve, To Reestablish the Task Force To Study the Creation of a Comprehensive Career and Technical Education System.

This bill can change the way people think about technical schools in Maine, we still have the stigma that they are for "dumb people". Whereas in Massachusetts they have a 4 year technical school that is thriving and parents try really hard to get their kids in. As a student at Region 10 I have never liked coming to school more than once I started here. My Jr. year I got my CNA license and I am currently in the process of getting my EMT license. When I graduate I will be leaving with 2 medical licenses. The atmosphere here is more mature than our sending schools, and by the time we graduate we can have at least one certification. We get to choose what we learn about which motivates us to do the work. The 4 year program will help with the scheduling conflicts that we have to face going between 2 schools. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Ashlyn Beebe