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Senator Daughtry, Representative Brennan and members of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee: I am Olena Cutko, 12th grader from Pre Apprenticeship 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 Establish the task force to study the creation of a comprehensive career and Technical Education system.

I am in support of this bill for so many reasons but I will just give a few examples. The kids are only at Region 10 for half a day every school day and it seems like it's too short. There isn't enough time to learn stuff in your class. Like Early Childhood Education it would be so much better if you had more time to learn about the kids and be a student teacher with them. You lose credits at your sending school because you are only there for a little over two hours a day so they have to make accommodations so you can still graduate on time. You don't fully feel you are part of one school because you are a part of two schools. I think this school should be all day with normal requirements but it is being tailored into your chosen trade program so you will still be interested in what you are learning. This should also be a 4 year high school with fun activities after school to feel like a full on high school.

Thank you for listening to just some ways that I think that will make vocational schools a better place for students and staff.

Sincerely,

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