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Senator Daughtry, Representative Brennan and members of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee. I am Brianna Foley, a senior in high school, part of the Pre-Apprenticeship program at Region Ten, submitting written testimony on behalf of the students from Region 10 Technical High School in Brunswick in support of LD 680.

If this bill were to be passed, students such as myself would have the opportunity to not waste years at a generic highschool and hyperfocus on my career. In the years I've spent at Region 10, I was able to take an EMT program that allowed me to take the first step in my career. Although this is the case, I was unable to take the CNA program concurrently with Pre-Apprenticeship due to my schedule. Imagine what my transcript would look like if I also took CNA. Imagine the schools I could have been accepted into if I was able to take both classes. Due to the model of technical education in Maine, I had to take classes over the summer to make up for the lost class time. I also miss roughly an hour each day due to commute to and from the technical high school. I should not be punished for exercising my right to a technical education. I should be able to attend a school of my choice and still have those credits accepted by accredited colleges and universities. I should have the ability to further my education and take the first steps in my career as early as I choose. I should be allowed the technical education that I deserve.

Thank you for your time and taking this bill into consideration.

Sincerely,  
Bri Foley