

## Region 10 Technical High School

To: The Honorable Senator Mattie Daughtry and Representative Mike Brennan

Please accept this humble communication in support of LD680: To Reestablish the Task Force to Study the Creation of a Comprehensive Career and Technical Education System. One of the outcomes of living and working through the pandemic is the showcase of importance on the trades and technical professions. That importance is magnified by the fact that the majority of that workforce is entering the end of their careers. The State of Maine desperately needs a pipeline to continue the availability of skilled workers in these areas which will also help to keep younger generations in the state.

At Region 10 we have been working on a four year technical high school model with the support of the Cooperative Board and business professionals since 2015. We would love to share our experience and knowledge with the Task Force including the funding of a feasibility study for the creation of a new school, which could serve as a component of a regional economic growth strategy.

Please support the creation and work of this sorely needed opportunity by reestablishing the task force.

Sincerely,

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