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TO: Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs
FROM: Maine Principals' Association Legislative Committee
**RE: Neither For Nor Against LD 1189: An Act to Amend the
Teacher Certification Statutes**
DATE: April 7, 2021

Senator Rafferty, Representative Brennan and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. My name is Dr. Holly Couturier and I am the Executive Director of the Maine Principals' Association's Professional Division, representing more than 800 PreK-12 principals and assistant principals of public and private schools in Maine.

The MPA Legislative Committee is neither for nor against LD 1189. We know that there are certification changes that are going to be brought forward from a task force that has been working on updating these requirements with the State Board of Education. We respect the process and are awaiting the findings and suggestions from their work. Many of the challenges noted in LD 1189 may be addressed with this task force.

For these reasons, the MPA is neither for nor against LD 1189.