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Senator Daughtry, Representative Brennan and Members of the 130th Legislature's
Education and Cultural Affairs Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify regarding *LD 1072 – An act Regarding Career and Technical Education and Memoranda of Understanding with Community Colleges*. This testimony concerns the inclusion of Adult Education programs to this Act and is neither for or against the Act.

Oxford Hills/Nezinscot Adult Education is responsible for the Career and Technical Education programs at the post-secondary and adult level utilizing the facilities of MVR11 (Oxford Hills Technical School). The programs currently offered utilizing the CTE facilities include: Commercial Driver's License training (truck driver training), CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant), and computer software classes. This partnership has also allowed for the inclusion of OHTS students in the CDL program as part of their curriculum. Adult learners and high school students who have completed these training programs have continued on to successful and sustainable employment or college.

Adult Education programs throughout the state fill the educational "gap" that exists for many between high school graduation and college enrollment by strengthening those foundational skills (math, English, writing, sciences, Social Studies, life skills) that may be lacking for the college-bound adult learner. Adult Education works closely with local colleges and universities to deliver these foundational skills classes so that they are aligned with first-year course curricula to ensure a smooth transition to college-level work.

Adult Education programs possess the resourcefulness to deliver secondary and post-secondary CTE training ensuring that adult learners are prepared to take that next step – whether it be on to college or career. The availability of a local CTE program is vital to the ability to deliver this type of workforce and technical training.

Oxford Hills/Nezinscot Adult Education urges you to include Adult Education in this legislation as it moves forward. By including Adult Education, it will help to promote and foster greater collaboration between Adult Education, CTE centers and the Maine Community College System.

Thank you.

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