

# MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY

A College of Engineering, Management, Science, and Transportation

May 11, 2021

The Honorable Joseph Rafferty, Chair  
The Honorable Michael Brennan, Chair  
Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs  
100 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Re: Amendment offered by Senator Daughtry to LD 247, "An Act to Improve Maine's Education System"

Dear Senator Rafferty, Representative Brennan, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs:

This letter addresses *the Amendment offered by Senator Daughtry to LD 247, "An Act to Improve Maine's Education System"*. As President Brennan's representative to the Commission to Study College Affordability and College Completion, I am pleased to see that the work of the committee would be continued if this Amendment passes. The 2014 Commission spent a great deal of time studying these important issues of affordability and completion and the issues continue to be critical for the college students of Maine. Maine Maritime Academy is willing to provide staffing assistance to the commission as well as appoint a representative to serve on the commission.

We do ask that the wording of Sec. 5 part 2 and 3 be updated to include Maine Maritime Academy, as we are not part of the public university system nor the community college system but are a separate public college.

Truly yours,



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