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In Support of LD 1902: Resolve, To Establish a Pilot Program To Encourage Climate Education in Maine Public Schools

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

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of LD 1902, a Resolve, To Establish a Pilot Program To Encourage Climate Education in Maine Public Schools, on behalf of the Maine Association of School Nurses.

The Maine Association of School Nurses supports this bill. There is nothing more important to the health of our children than the health of the planet. Climate changes poses a threat to health and safety of our children and our planet. The impacts of climate change are affecting both the physical and mental health of our children. The effects of air quality impact the rates of asthma and climate anxiety is impacting the well-being of our youth.

Comprehensive education on climate change for our children is needed as they are our future leader. The education they receive now will impact their decisions later. LD1902 will help Maine Schools to provide this education.

For these reasons, the Maine Association of School Nurses is in support of LD 1902: Resolve, To Establish a Pilot Program To Encourage Climate Education in Maine Public Schools