

Tyler Kidder
Winthrop
LD 1902

I am Tyler Kidder, a program officer for the Maine-based Onion Foundation. Our mission is to encourage conservation and stewardship of the natural environment and to promote music and the arts in the state of Maine. To that end, we support many nature-based education organizations and programs around the state because we believe that youth in Maine, and all of Maine's people, deserve to have access to, knowledge of, and care for their natural surroundings. We also know that climate change is having very real impacts here in Maine and that our young leaders need to be prepared for the world they will inherit.

Please consider supporting this legislation which will allow our first educational responders, our public school teachers, to do the work they have been attempting so desperately to do ever since the Next Generation Science Standards were passed. The professional development pilot provided by this bill will allow Maine's best and brightest to get the assistance they need to meet the NGSS and impart important science learnings onto the next generation of Mainers. Your and my future depends on it.

We at the Onion Foundation, and our many partners, are doing our part to move the needle on climate action here in Maine. I hope you will also do yours.

Thank you,
Tyler Kidder
tyler@onionfoundation.org