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My name is Nicholas Tiner, I am a senior at UMaine studying Civil Engineering and I strongly support LD 512. I feel very fortunate to attend my home state's university. Not only have I received a good education, but my time at UMaine has deepened my ties to Maine culturally. This has made the option to stay in Maine after graduation much more appealing to me. I believe one of the greatest things the legislature could do is give more Maine students that same opportunity.

Unfortunately, tuition costs at UMaine can be prohibitively expensive to many in-state students. Several close friends of mine from high school were simply unable to afford to go to UMaine despite wanting to continue their education there. At least two of my friends ended up pursuing out-of-state options because of this.

The current resources to assist prospective students financially are insufficient and with enrollment trending downward, action needs to be taken. This is why I firmly believe LD 512 is what we as students, and as Mainers, need to make UMaine the best university it can be. LD 512 will make education for Maine students more accessible and provide a much-needed shot in the arm for a campus that has never fully bounced back from the pandemic.

Thank you all for your time, it is sincerely appreciated. I hope you will support LD 512 to help Maine's students and by extension: Maine's future.