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TO: Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs
FROM: Maine Principals' Association Legislative Committee
RE: In Opposition of LD 1217: Resolve, to Create a Pilot Program for Alternative Teacher Certification
DATE: April 13, 2023

Senator Rafferty, Representative Brennan, and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. My name is Dr. Holly Blair, and I am the Executive Director of the Maine Principals' Association – Professional Division. The MPA represents more than 800 PreK-12 principals and assistant principals of public and private schools in Maine.

The MPA Legislative Committee is in opposition of LD 1217. We fully support diversity in education and encourage any additional pathways to allow for more to become certified. As the bill is proposed, it is requiring a pathway that already exists and therefore we do not see the need for a new law.

For this reason, we urge the Committee vote Ought Not to Pass LD 1217.