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Maine Community Action Partnership Supports LD 1520 Resolve, Directing the Department of Education and Department of Health and Human Services to Study Placing Child Care Facilities in Secondary Schools

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Senator Rafferty, Representative Brennan, members of the Committee on Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, I am Megan Hannan, Executive Director of the Maine Community Action Partnership and we support LD 1520 Resolve, Directing the Department of Education and Department of Health and Human Services to Study Placing Child Care Facilities in Secondary Schools.

Our state's greatest resource is our people, and our state's policies shape people's possibilities. In Community Action, we create conditions that invite children to learn and adults to apply their skills, tapping into the hidden potential in our communities. Through our Whole Family approach, we build a family's capacity for sustained stability and economic growth. We invest in the family's well-being, we let them drive their own story, and we have tangible success.

High quality early learning and care is the foundation of a child's life, and essential for parents returning to work. Providing a child care environment for people who are teachers and other professionals working in the secondary education environment, as well as students and their families, is a way to not only provide quality education, but also to allow students to learn about early education and care, so that they might enter the field later. We know we have a dearth of young people entering the field of early education and care, this can only help us to earn more.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

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