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**TO: Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs**  
**FROM: Maine Principals' Association Legislative Committee**  
**RE: In Opposition of LD 1860: An Act to Create the Education Opportunity Account Program**  
**DATE: May 8, 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 1860. The passing of this bill will negatively impact public schools. Taking public money away from these schools and putting it in a "program" for parents who are choosing to send their children to private schools will not improve public education. It turns the private school experience into a public education without the government restraints that public schools must adhere to in order to receive their funding.

For these reasons, we strongly urge the Committee to vote Ought Not to Pass LD 1860.