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LD 254

To: Sen. Rafferty, Rep. Brennan, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs Committee

From: Amanda Brown, 77 Goudy Street, South Portland, ME 04106, South Portland School Department - South Portland Middle School.

Re: Support for LD 254, An Act to Update the Sex Education and Consent Curriculum.

Dear Sen. Rafferty, Rep. Brennan, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs Committee,

My name is Amanda Brown and I live and work in South Portland. I am a middle school (grades 5 - 8) health teacher and I am writing in support of LD 254 An Act to Update the Sex Education and Consent Curriculum.

It is well evidenced that medically accurate, age & culturally appropriate, inclusive sexuality education is a vital tool to ensuring young people feel empowered to make decisions about their bodies, lives, and wellness. We need your help to make that clear to lawmakers in Maine.

LD 254 would ensure that Maine educators, like myself, have access to high quality training, inclusive curricula, and technical support from experts. As a health teacher, I rely on the professional development and other resources provided by our states leaders in sexual health education.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the health and wellness of Maine's youth.