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LD 2001

I am writing in favor of LD 2001, which will strengthen Maine's educational system and equip students with a better understanding of history, culture, and the world we inhabit. I see this bill as an effective step to building capacity and accountability for system-wide teaching of African American studies. This will help ensure African American studies are not erased or treated as an optional addition in the education a Maine student receives. This is essential because African American history, culture, and contemporary issues are intrinsic to American history, culture, and contemporary issues. I see this conversation as parallel to the educational reforms around Wabanaki studies, and support both as building together towards a whole education. Please support this bill for strengthening the scaffolding for statewide education.