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LD 2131

Dear Senator Rafferty, Representative Brennan, and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs:

My name is Elizabeth Sanborn, and I am writing in support of L.D. 2131, An Act to Support Extended Learning Opportunities. I both live and work in Hiram, ME.

I am in support of this bill because ELOs have become such an important part of our public schools. After teaching here at Sacopee Valley High School in Hiram for 14 years, I became our school's ELO Coordinator in the fall of 2022 when we were awarded one of the Maine DOE grants for ELO expansion. Now into my second year as ELO Coordinator, I have worked with numerous students and community partners and seen firsthand how ELOs create a positive impact for all. I am hopeful my district will choose to fund this program even when the grant money runs out and seeing our state embrace ELOs in this way will help!

Thank you for your time and consideration!
Elizabeth Sanborn