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Senator Rafferty, Representative Brennan and members of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee, my name is Matthew Buchwalder , I am a resident of Bristol, Maine and I am an educator of Science at Lincoln Academy. My experience in education includes 13 years teaching in Maine and 10 years teaching in NY.

I am testifying today (February 8, 2024) in opposition to LD 2182, Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 132: Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education. I agree with the stance of the Maine Science Teachers Association that this bill's impact on science education is poorly planned with no clear goal for student learning. It is already extremely difficult to cover the current science teaching standards well. This bill would add vague socio-scientific concepts to the curriculum with not training for teachers. It does not benefit student science education and will detract from their learning other concepts.