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Senator Rafferty, Representative Brennan and members of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee, my name is Sarah Wilson. I am a resident of Windham, and I am a science educator at Yarmouth High School. I have been teaching science in various capacities since 2011 and have been in my current position since 2014. I have served on the district level curriculum review committee and have spent extensive time working to incorporate the Next Generation Science Standards into our curriculum for high school students.

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. The changes that are proposed are neither accurate nor appropriate. Teaching evolution at the high school level will be negatively impacted by the changes made at the middle school level. Please do right by science, history, and Maine's public school teachers and students and reject these drastic changes to the science standards.