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LD 2118

I'm writing to encourage your support of LD2118-An Act to Provide Funding to the Maine School of Science and Mathematics Using the School Funding Criteria. First, the school is truly underfunded and the funds are needed to just to support operations; It truly is amazing the work that they do with the current funding. Second, the additional funding for financial aid opens the school up to those financially unable to afford it. Our son is in his third year at MSSM and we have talked to and promoted the school to many people. When the cost of room and board comes up, most people don't even give it a second thought. The school certainly provides a place for any gifted child to further their education, and by removing the barrier of the cost of room and board, it would open the doors of MSSM to all of Maine, not just those who can afford it.

Thank you for you time and consideration.

Best regards,

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