

Miles Sweet  
Scarborough  
LD 2118

Thirty years ago, I stood before numerous committees asking your predecessors to create access to opportunity. I believed that we could build something special together and promised that I would do my best to deliver to the people of Maine a return on their investment. Originally from rural Kennebec Valley, I was the first student from outside of Aroostook County to visit what would become the Maine School of Science and Mathematics in Limestone. The Legislature's school; an experiment in excellence.

The experiment worked. MSSM helped unlock my potential and changed my life. After graduating in 1997, I was the first person in my family to attend college. I traveled the world harnessing the power of science and technology for diplomacy. I earned a doctorate in organic chemistry from Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar. I combined that with a law degree for a career focused on pharmaceutical and biotechnology intellectual property rights as instruments of innovation and trade policy, working to broaden access to high-quality affordable generic and biosimilar medicines.

We succeeded together. I wish I could be with you in person today to say thank you. Helping you start MSSM and sharing in the trust you gave me and my classmates to be stewards of that excellence is one of my proudest accomplishments. Ensuring its success for generations to come is one of the reasons I moved back to Maine. As a member of the Board of Directors for the MSSM Foundation, I ask you to support the proposed amendments to LD 2118 so we can keep it going, together.