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**To Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Labor**

**Regarding L.D. 187, “An Act to Prohibit Labor Organizations from Imposing Mandatory Service Fees on Nonmembers.”**

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Sen. Tipping, Rep. Roeder, and members of the Labor Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony before you today. I’m Penny Morrell, taxpayer and citizen of the Town of Belgrade, Maine.

I support L.D. 187, “An Act to Prohibit Labor Organizations from Imposing Mandatory Service Fees on Nonmembers.”

Both my husband, Barry and I, worked for the State of Maine for a short while trying to get to retirement. Neither of us joined the labor union, but we had to pay the fee as a non-member. We deemed it unfair and a tax to work.

We both oppose labor unions anyway. They were worthwhile early on when unfair, cruel and abusive labor tactics were employed on laborers. However, today they have too much money and power and don’t represent the majority of the people they represent. Public sector employees shouldn’t even have labor unions. Taxpayers must not be strongarmed by these thuggery organizations that impose impossible regulations and funding.

I urge this committee to vote LD 187 ought to pass. Thank you.