

Senator Tipping, Representative Roeder, and members of the Committee on Labor,

My name is Grace Leavitt. I am a recently retired educator and reside in Raymond. I am writing in support of LD 1003, " An Act Establishing the Retirement Benefit Improvement Fund."

This fund, once established, could finally provide a path forward towards improvement to the pensions for hardworking educators who have dedicated their lives to the students of Maine. Time and time again legislation is proposed to make such improvements and repeatedly the resources are not there to do so, even when there is bipartisan agreement that improvements are needed.

Hopefully this fund would at least make it possible to make improvements to the pensions as we go forward. You know that so many of our retired educators have been struggling, especially since the devastating impacts of the changes made by the previous administration.

I urge you to vote 'ought to pass' on LD 1003.

Thank you.

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