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To: Senator Alyssa Thompson, Representation Mike Sylvester and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing

From: William Laubenstein III, President, Maine Association of Retirees, Inc. (MAR)

Date: May 20, 2021

RE: LD 117: An Act To Preserve the Health Care of University of Maine System Retirees

The Maine Association of Retirees, Inc. (MAR) is in support of LD 117: An Act to Preserve the Health Care of the Maine System Retirees.

MAR is a member driven organization of Maine public service retirees with the mission to advocate for their financial stability.

MAR is opposed to the proposed elimination of the Health Insurance Plan for retired University of Maine employees and provided the Trustees with our position (see attached).

MAR is also opposed to retroactive reductions or eliminations of public service retirees' benefits (including pension level).

MAR is willing to provide information helpful to the Committee and would be glad to assist in work session if appropriate.

Sincerely,

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