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**TO: Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing**  
**FROM: Maine Principals' Association Legislative Committee**  
**RE: In Support of LD 112: An Act to Increase the State's  
Share of Retired Teacher Health Insurance**  
**DATE: February 9, 2023**

Senator Tipping, Representative Roeder, and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. My name is Dr. Holly Blair, and I am the Executive Director of the Maine Principals' Association – Professional Division. The MPA represents more than 800 PreK-12 principals and assistant principals of public and private schools in Maine.

The MPA Legislative Committee fully supports the passing of LD 112. In addition to supporting the State to pay 60% of a retired teacher's share of the premium for group accident and sickness or health insurance for the upcoming year and then increase the amount to 65% allows for appropriate budgeting. We would respectfully ask that the word "administrator" be added to the bill in addition to "teacher." These educators have dedicated their life to the benefit of educating the citizens of Maine and they deserve to have an increase in the state's share of educator's health insurance.

The MPA strongly urges the Committee to vote Ought to Pass LD 112.