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To Members of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee

Regarding L.D. 430,

**An Act To Provide for School Choice and Online Learning Opportunities  
in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic**

**March 3, 2021**

Sen. Daughtry, Rep. Brennan, and members of the Education and Cultural Services Committee thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today. I'm Penny Morrell, State Director of Concerned Women for America of Maine, speaking for Concerned Women for America LAC. Concerned Women for America (CWA) is the largest public policy women's organization in the nation, with hundreds of thousands of members across the country.

CWA of Maine supports LD 430, "An Act To Provide for School Choice and Online Learning Opportunities in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

CWA of Maine members across the state are very concerned with our students' education during this pandemic and want to apply the best possible outcomes for student learning at this time of uncertainty with COVID.

We believe providing school choice, and online learning opportunities for students in all schools will meet our concerns and be part of the best outcomes for students. RSU #18, my local school classrooms, are currently open; however, I'm aware that not all in our state are. Therefore, we must provide alternatives to educate Maine students and enable them to progress at the normal grade level, even while dealing with the virus.

I ask this committee to vote L.D. 430 ought to pass. Thank you.