

January 24, 2020

Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs
100 State House Station
Augusta ME 04333

Re: LD 1855 *An Act To Include Student Absences for Mental Health or Behavioral Health Needs as Excusable Absences*

Dear senator Millett, Representative Kornfield, and members of the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs,

On behalf of the National Association of Social Workers Maine Chapter, I am writing to express our support of LD 1855.

As we all work to eliminate discrimination based on mental, physical and behavioral health issues, clarification and inclusiveness in policy wording is very important. This simple change in language will help students affected by mental health challenges.

We urge you to vote yes on LD 1855.

Respectfully submitted,

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