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To Whom It May Concern,

This is a letter of support for HB 630 (Knudson) regarding oil and gas tax revenues to school districts. I testified in front of the Taxation Committee on Friday and this letter reiterates some of my comments.

HB 630 provides a solution to the oil and gas debate in a logical and straight forward way. Should an oil and gas school district receive a specified amount of excess money, they pay back any Direct State Aid they've received under the provisions of the bill.

This bill provides a win-win arrangement for oil and gas schools and the state. The taxes raised locally stay locally. In the event the local oil and gas taxes are significant enough, then the District's pay back taxes to the state. This arrangement allows oil and gas schools to maintain their existing programs and also provides the means to meet the demands caused by the impact of oil and gas exploration and extraction. To simply strip these schools of the oil and gas taxes that they receive as written in statute would be devastating to their ability to educate the students in their districts.

The state asked for solutions to the excess money some schools receive from oil and gas. HB 630 is that solution.

Saco School District supports HB 630.

Sincerely,

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