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Dear Members of the House Education Policy Committee,

My name is Devin Babcock and I serve as Senior Legislative Director for [ExcelinEd in Action](#). Our organization works with state lawmakers and partner organizations to pass legislation that empowers families with educational opportunity, prepares students for college and career, prioritizes early literacy grounded in the science of reading, expands innovation and strengthens school performance.

I am writing to express ExcelinEd in Action's support for HB 1270, which would provide new opportunities for educators and schools across New Hampshire. We believe this legislation will make it easier for schools to find part-time teachers and build the educator workforce. Part-time teachers help address teacher shortages and diversify course offerings by letting districts hire qualified subject-matter experts. The bill provides clarity around the definition of part-time teachers while maintaining appropriate safeguards. By requiring superintendent or principal approval of subject-matter expertise and applying existing professional ethics standards, this bill strikes a balanced approach to flexibility and accountability.

The proposal is strong, as it would help schools responsibly expand access to qualified instructors, especially those with higher education and professional experience while preserving instructional quality for students. HB1270 will be a good step as New Hampshire looks to grow the educator workforce.

Supporting educators is crucial, as they play a vital role in shaping the minds and futures of our children. We know that quality educators are important and have a profound impact on students, leading to their lifelong success. By prioritizing teacher recruitment, we ensure quality in education, allowing students to benefit from motivated teachers who can provide consistent and high-quality instruction.

We urge you to recommend HB 1270 as Ought to Pass to support the recruitment of additional teachers in New Hampshire.

Thank you for your consideration of this important policy.

Respectfully,

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