

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

July 23, 2025

The Honorable Russell Vought  
Director  
Office of Management and Budget  
725 17<sup>th</sup> St., NW  
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Director Vought:

We write to express our concerns about the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) decision to withhold education formula funds that state education agencies expected to receive on July 1, 2025. We ask that you promptly release these funds to state education agencies, in accordance with your statutory responsibilities.

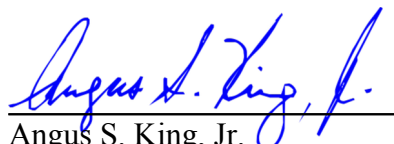
The Continuing Resolution for Fiscal Year 2025—which President Trump signed into law—included funding for several programs on which local education agencies in Maine and across the country rely to carry out effective, high-quality education programs. This funding includes the Adult Basic Literacy and Education State Grants, English Language Acquisition, Migrant Education, Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants, and Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants.

We are frustrated by OMB's refusal to fund these programs as enacted by congress. According to the Maine Department of Education, more than \$21.5 million in funding for Maine across these programs is currently "under review," with no guidance provided to local education agencies as to the nature of the review, or when recipients can expect to receive these funds. This disruption has already impeded the planning process for state education agencies and will make it nearly impossible for states and local education agencies to allocate their already scarce resources for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year.

These grant programs support a wide variety of essential programming and staff positions at schools across the state of Maine, including school social work roles, academic support roles, after-school programming, and English language acquisition, to name a few. Forty-six percent of the Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants supports salaries and benefits for educators, class size reductions, and professional development. Without the timely release of these funds, school districts will be forced to make the impossible decision to cut back on services and support staff. Ultimately, students will suffer.

We urge you to promptly release these vital education funds.

Sincerely,

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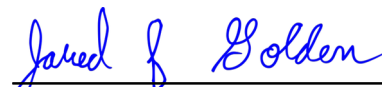
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United States Senator

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United States Senator

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Chellie Pingree  
Member of Congress

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Jared Golden  
Member of Congress

CC: The Honorable Linda McMahon, Secretary of Education