Sample Letter

Date:

Dear Representative/Senator\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

As the School Nurse from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, I am writing in opposition to the Governor’s budget proposal for the Fund for a Healthy Maine (HMF). If passed, this proposal will drastically reduce, or eliminate entirely, the funding for many important public health and prevention programs paid for by the HMF resulting in the unraveling of the public health *preventive* infrastructure of our state. Cuts to the HMF is would truly be “penny wise and pound foolish.”

What the 119th Legislature established was truly visionary – investing in the prevention of disease and promotion of good health **today** in order to reduce health costs in the long run. What a great long-term thinking and wonderful legacy. Now is not the time to go backwards.

Please vote to maintain the HMF as it was intended. The health of our children and all the citizens of Maine health depend on your support.

Sincerely,