

The UMO Administration and the Elected Officials of the State of Maine

We the undersigned request that the University of Maine at Orono secure and preserve a commitment to the liberal arts by maintaining full faculty positions in the Classics and courses in Latin and Greek grammar, literature and culture from the introductory to the 400-level.

We believe that any student attending a major, and especially a flagship, university is entitled to reap the full fruits of a liberal education through the study of the classical languages, which are essential to truly understanding the wisdom of the millennia upon which Western Civilization was founded.

We respectfully remind our university administration and state officials that a university by definition is founded upon the liberal arts, and that Latin was the language by which medieval scholars communicated our Greek and Roman heritage to future generations all the way to today.

We the undersigned can attest to the blessings that classical education can confer upon both individuals and society at large. We are grieved to see this eternal flame of ancient wisdom dying out in the state of Maine.

Thank you for your time.

	Name	From	Comments
1.	Jeremy Swist	Orono, ME	
2.	Joanna Bridges	Orono, ME	
3.	Sylvia Martin	Newton, MA	The classics form the foundation of much of Western thought and civic structure. They should not be allowed to disappear.

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4.	Stephanie Tanzella	Orono, ME	
5.	John Poulin	Milford, ME	
6.	Sarah DeMaris	Orono, ME	
7.	Ethan Arena	Milford, ME	
8.	Benjamin Richard	Bradley, ME	
9.	Emily Lavoie	Orono, ME	
10.	Redyn Keller	Old Town, ME	
11.	Raymond Goulet	Orono, ME	
12.	alaina albee	Orono, ME	When I found out classics might be cut last semester, I signed up for Latin this semester. I look forward to each class. It's definitely my favorite this year. I wish I had taken it sooner so I could have taken more of it. Don't take this amazing experience away from future students.
13.	Michael Howard	Bangor, ME	
14.	Nathaniel Lawson	Orono, ME	
15.	Sebastian Velez	Bushkill, PA	
16.	Chris Crosby	Greene, ME	The University of Maine cutting these programs is not acceptable. Period.
17.	Jennifer Donahue Hanscom	Orono, ME	
18.	Emily Batchelder	Old Town, ME	
19.	Jennifer Aldrich	Old Town, ME	There is no need to get rid of the things that are important for diversity just because there isn't money. Find the money. It's important.
20.	Michelle Dullinger	Bangor, ME	
21.	Matthew Pintar	Canonsburg, PA	
22.	James Swist	Arlington, ME	
23.	Raymond Smith	St., MA	Plase do not eliminate this essential component to a solid liberal art education! RJS 10/18/10
24.	James Warhola	Orono, ME	It is simply not acceptable for a state university to lack courses in the classical languages of Greek and Latin. The University of Maine is just that -- a university, not a technical-vocational school.
25.	Ariel Berthel	Orono, ME	
26.	Angie Starling	Hickory, NC	
27.	Douglas Allen	Orono, ME	
28.	Emma Strubell	Orono, ME	

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29.	Roger King	Orono, ME	Latin and Ancient Greek used to be fundamental requirements of an educated citizen. While this is no longer the case, some of the ideas and debates foundational to Western culture were originally written in these languages. It is imperative that the languages not be completely lost to scholars and interested citizens so that the original texts may be re-visited, re-interpreted, re-translated, and remembered.
30.	Dylan Sirois	Farmingdale, ME	
31.	William Sawyer	Saco, ME	I'm in the music department and I feel that Latin and Greek are vital not only for linguists but for correctly singing the correct vowels and learning other languages along with the history
32.	Kyle Ward	Orono, ME	
33.	Barbara Swist	Arlington, MA	
34.	Zev Eisenberg	Peaks Island, ME, ME	
35.	Michael Grillo	Orono, ME	
36.	Will Guida	Edmunds, ME	
37.	Justin Bolinger	Gorham, ME	I took Latin for 4 years in high school, and absolutely loved it. It helps with English skills so much as well, from a purely vocabulary standpoint.
38.	Lily Olson	Fiskdale, MA	
39.	Alexandra Hayford	cape neddick, ME	
40.	James Foster	Livermore Falls, ME	Class of 2008, Graduated with Honors
41.	Katherine Brown	Walpole, ME	
42.	Whitney Bushey	Orono, ME	
43.	Nolan Southard	Palmyra, ME	
44.	Cathy Herr	Old Town, ME	
45.	Laurence Bondole	Portland, ME	
46.	kelsey Flynn	Mansfield, MA	This is one of the most important majors on campus. Removing it from this school's curriculum will be a personal loss for me and a tragedy for the university.
47.	AnneMarie Block	East Aurora, NY	
48.	Andrew Prindle	Orono, ME	
49.	jordan brown	chillicothe, IL	
50.	Kalie Hess	Orono, ME	
51.	Andrea Flannery	Pocasset, MA	
52.	Alisa Rhodes	Orono, ME	

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53.	Colin Kolmar	Saco, ME	Classics are an integral part of keeping ancient cultures alive at UMaine. We can't afford to lose any more cultural diversity in this state!
54.	Bryan Noyes	Orono, ME	
55.	Timothy Jenkins	Dracut, MA	
56.	Heleena Erickson	Stow, ME	Many people say that Latin is just a dead language, but Latin, and other subjects in the area of the Classics, have lots left to teach! There are many things to be learned from the ancients, including how to learn! Save the Classics at UMaine Orono!!!
57.	Michael O'Leary	Orono, ME	The classics comprise a vital piece of any education and merit the full attention of some gifted individuals. A university that neglects the languages of the past is hardly a university worth attending! I am an Engineering student, but I appreciate the academic diversity offered at UMaine, and the camaraderie of students with other interests is indispensable!
58.	Guy Muzzarelli	Washington, IL	That we're still discovering significant things about the thought of the ancients (who paved the way for virtually all of Western thought and addressed virtually all of the problems we face today in nascent forms) alone is reason enough to justify the existence of Latin and Greek classes in any university. Meticulous and proper translation is at the heart of any serious scholarship; and to deprive students of this opportunity is a blatant effrontery to the very notion of a liberal arts education.
59.	Allison Jones	Hampden, ME	
60.	Abigail Bergeron	Bangor, ME	
61.	Shah Zaini	Perth, Australia	
62.	SANDRA SALIVAR	GREEN VALLEY, AZ	Not only are these languages part of a liberal education, they are important to anyone who uses language beyond the most vulgar. They are essential to the sciences.
63.	Tom Mikotowicz	Bangor, ME	Cutting the Classics is a very misguided way to improve education. Without a firm foundation in the classics, we will be creating a society ignorant of ethics and philosophy.
64.	Jasmine Carignan	Farmington, NH	
65.	rob brouillard	Orono, ME	
66.	Jan Streitburger	Arlington, MA	Extinction of these languages would be a terrible loss to your institution. History is the ultimate teacher!
67.	Chelsea Cathcart	Biddeford, ME	
68.	Kathleen Carroll	Orono, ME	
69.	Venice Lombardo	Wayne, ME	
70.	Pam Boland	Grovetown, GA	
71.	Sarah Denslow	Orono, ME	

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72.	Kim Streitburger	Stratham, NH	
73.	Justine McGray	Old Town, ME	
74.	Michael Schmidt	dfadfadsf, IL	
75.	Meghan White	Orono, ME	The classics still have relevance to a wide variety of competitive fields today and are vital in informing the modern student as to the roots and structure of his or her own language. It seems foolish to eradicate our own history from the curriculum.
76.	Melanie Mineo	Westhampton, NY	
77.	James Hatch	Biddeford, ME	
78.	John Finamore	Iowa City, IA	
79.	Andrea Nakamura	Orono, ME	
80.	Fr. Jerome Stretch	Bedford, NH	Latin, Greek, German & Hebrew were required for my seminary Masters.
81.	Imran Khan	New York, NY	
82.	stefan marinca	münster, Germany	
83.	Jay Bregman	Bangor, ME	1) There is NO expensive Classics Dept at UM that needs to be cut to save \$.2) Having Latin major remains crucial to general education 3) Education is more than technical training.
84.	Marilynn Lawrence	Media, PA	Getting rid of classics and other critical liberal arts is doing away with the development of thinking skills and moral development based on a sense of our past.
85.	Dalia Hettfield	South Gate, CA	
86.	Edward Butler	New York, NY	
87.	Iván Elvira	Granada, Spain	Latin and Greek languages are the basement of our civilization. If you remove the study of these languages, you destroy our background civilization. Greetings from Spain.
88.	Margaret Payne	Orono, ME	
89.	Amy Bologna	Windsor, CT	
90.	Megan Aydelott	Orono, ME	
91.	R Elwell	Arlington, MA	A native Mainer who has always been proud of the University system, I sincerely hope the administration can and will find a way to keep these important programs intact.
92.	Gisela Hoecherl-Alden	Boston, MA	Cutting languages - ancient and modern - in this day and age is extremely short-sighted.
93.	Jake Stratton-Kent	Shepton Mallet, United Kingdom	
94.	Carly Wittman	old town, ME	
95.	Lindsay Thibeault	Stratham, NH	

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96.	Matthew Koehler	Saco, ME	
97.	Suzanne Stern-Gillet	BOLTON, United Kingdom	
98.	Michael Wakoff	Ithaca, NY	Acquiring skill in Greek and Latin is indispensable for understanding some of the sources of Western civilization. No university should be without these language courses.
99.	Brian Nielsen	S.Berwick, ME	
100.	William Baldwin	Sunnyvale, CA	I believe my years of studying Latin and Greek have been very beneficial to me -- it vastly improved my English vocabulary and my English grammar skills -- thereby improving my ability to read and communicate -- very important and worthwhile skills. These studies also broadened my knowledge and appreciation of the world, and of world history!
101.	Evans Goff	Orono, ME	Latin is one of the strongest roots of our language. Greek plays the identifying language for Greek life, a huge supporter of our activities in school. Without an important part of our language and world history will be lost.
102.	John Jenkins	Centennial, CO	
103.	elvyra mikalauskiene	Kaunas, Lithuania	
104.	Ben Jewell	Winthrop, ME	
105.	Peter Devonald	London, United Kingdom	Without a true knowledge of all history, we all doomed to repeat our mistakes and never fully learn. Please save this vital resource and spread the importance of all knowledge.
106.	Alise Ranalli	Orono, ME	Studying the classics is necessary to understand many things about both the past and the present. Knowledge of Greek and Latin is vital for studying the origins of Western civilization in any depth. In addition, offering the classics is a hallmark of a good liberal arts program. We need to keep our program strong to attract more students to this University.
107.	Helaina Sacco	Orono, ME	
108.	N Banner	Roma, United Kingdom	Surely the administrators of UMaine are aware of the many studies which indicate the benefits to be had from learning the ancient languages, leaving out the perhaps more important issue of the dismantling of our cultural heritage in the interest of ever-increasing budgetary concerns which value the dollar, and only the dollar, and make a mockery of the meaning of the term 'education'.
109.	Jeremy Boulier	Blaine, ME	Majors should be the LAST thing administrators consider cutting, perhaps some sports programs or laying off of useless administrators should come first. After all, what is the purpose of a university? Is it to play sports and give staff bloated salaries who do basically nothing or is it to <i>(continues on next page)</i>

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109.	Jeremy Boulrier	Blaine, ME	<i>(continued from previous page)</i> educate and further the next generation of this world? I think a reorganization of priorities is in order here.
110.	Asger Ousager	Aarhus, Denmark	
111.	Zackary Carle	Calais, ME	If it is important to Jeremy Swist, it is important to me.
112.	Joshua Little	norway, ME	
113.	Lucius Sorrentino	Hampton Bays, NY	
114.	Katie Deegan	Kennebunk, ME	
115.	Leonard George	North Vancouver, Canada	Knowledge of Greek and Latin is vital to Western civilization. Without it, we don't have civilization - we have amnesia.
117.	Danielle Murray	Manchester, ME	
118.	Patrick Whitmarsh	Utica, IL	
119.	Raffaella Campagnoli	Orono, ME	
120.	Michael Arell	Bangor, ME	
121.	sheila mcdonough	Hooksett, NH	
122.	Marsha Bartley	Bucksport, ME	
123.	Rachael Denny	Bradley, CA	
124.	Corbin Wojey	Kalkaska, MI	
125.	Grant Rose	Richmond, VA	
126.	Diane Ryan	Litchfield, CT	
127.	Ryan Page	Orono, ME	The University needs to preserve the few vestiges of culture it has left. Students with an education in the classics disperse knowledge throughout their peer group. I believe this area of study is fundamental in discovering the limitations and possibilities of Western culture.
128.	Daniel Frayer	Santa Fe, NM	
129.	Katelyn Jo Melanson	Hartland, ME	
130.	Bruce Frier	Ann Arbor, MI	
131.	Kate Allen	Ann Arbor, MI	Nescire autem quid ante quam natus sis acciderit, id est semper esse puerum. ~Cicero
132.	John Mondor	Orono, ME	
133.	Dina Guth	South Brunswick, NJ	
134.	Angela Commito	Ann Arbor, MI	The Classics are not only valuable in and of themselves, but also as a bridge to other endeavors: law, government, public service, and the never-ending study of beauty and the meaning of life. Let others enjoy finding a path via Classics!
135.	Dwanna Crain	Ann Arbor, MI	

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136.	Lydia Herring-Harrington	Cambridge, MA	I support this petition as a native of Maine. The study of Classics should be available to those who might not otherwise have access to learning about this aspect of the past.
137.	Richard Janko	Ann Arbor, MI	As a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, I find this proposal very short-sighted indeed. 40% of English words come from Latin and another 20% from Greek; probably the reverse if we consider ideas rather than vocabulary ...
138.	Collin Ganio	Ann Arbor, MI	
139.	gregory shaw	North Easton, MA	
140.	Ashley Smith	York, ME	
141.	Ellen Franzen	Berkeley, CA	
142.	Colleen Carini	Riverhead, NY	
143.	David Halperin	Ann Arbor, MI	
144.	Kenneth Bundy	Orono, ME	DO IT!!
145.	Michael Koger	San Pedro, CA	The study of Classics, Latin and Greek, are the backbone upon which pretty much all of the liberal arts are based upon
146.	R.J. Pankow	J-dot, Canada	
147.	Anne McKewey	Orono, ME	
148.	Eleanor Dickey	Exeter, United Kingdom	This is important!
149.	Sharon Marshall	Crediton, United Kingdom	
150.	John Dillon	Dublin, Ireland	A sad descent into barbarism - modern civilization needs the historical perspective that Classics provides.
151.	Alex Grab	old town, ME	A good part of the English language is based on Latin. It needs to be part of the University curriculum. No doubt.
152.	Julia Shapiro	Ann Arbor, MI	Make the Classics available to your students. Don't cheat them of the opportunity to explore this important field.
153.	Kate Killion	Arlington, MA	My son is in his second year of Latin as a middle school student. He loves it and it has helped him understand the roots and meanings of many words. I think it is a great foundation piece in education.
154.	Annie Morrissette	Old Town, ME	To lose contact with the classics would deprive us of any significant understanding not only of Greek and Roman cultures, but also of those cultures that sprang from them, including our own. Please support the classics and the pursuit of understanding!
155.	Michael Leese	Ann Arbor, MI	Universities are supposed to provide youngsters with direction in life, and I would have none without Classics. Bad move, UMaine Orono - you may be depriving students of the chance at a good life.

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156.	Liam Riordan	Bangor, ME	Maintaining a commitment to teach classical languages at UMaine is well worth the modest expenses it requires. What is a "flagship" campus worth that doesn't maintain this essential connection to the foundations of western culture?
157.	Bram ten Berge	Ann Arbor, MI	
158.	Zachariah Dewey	Southwest Harbor, ME	English Major in the class of 2013
159.	Elizabeth Deletetsky	Orono, ME	
160.	Nathan Godfried	Orono, ME	
161.	Jacqueline Pincus	Ann Arbor, MI	
162.	Janet TeBrake	Bangor, ME	
163.	Ruth Scodel	Ann Arbor, MI	
164.	Matthew Cavanaugh	Rockport, ME	
165.	Mark McPherran	Burnaby, Canada	
166.	Lisa Rude	Orono, ME	
167.	Alexis Baxter	Bar Harbor, ME	Please don't eliminate this subject!!!
168.	Jennifer Scott	Orono, ME	
169.	Grace Clayton	Bangor, ME	
171.	Rogan Winch	Newburgh, ME	I took four years of Latin in high school, I would prefer to have the option to take it next semester or even next year.
172.	J B	Orono, ME	
173.	Fred Fall	Cherry Hill, NJ	
174.	Joshua Desrosier	Hebron, ME	I spent my entire high school career dedicated to learning the Latin and Spanish Languages. Without Latin, I would not have such a broad understanding of Spanish, and would not have as large of a word base for my everyday English speaking and writing use. Do not eliminate the classics; They are essential to a broader future of understanding!
175.	David Wright	Lincoln, MA	
176.	Edward Martin	Orono, ME	Eliminating programs like Classics will eventual threaten the acreditation of the university!
177.	John Commito	Frederick, MD	Keep the classics!
178.	Anthony Amatti	Chicago, IL	
179.	Linda Costelloe	Hampden, ME	
180.	Joanna Hynd	Thomaston, ME	The Honors' lectures from the classics department increased my understanding of Western Civilization and enhanced my UMaine experience. It would take away from <i>(continues on next page)</i>

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180.	Joanna Hynd	Thomaston, ME	<i>(continued from previous page)</i> the diversity of the flagship-university experience to let this department go.
181.	Alexandria Garcia	Milford, ME	
182.	OMICRON SIGMA	Summit, AP	Save the ancients, please.
183.	Evelyn Wright	Lincoln, MA	
184.	Ashley Bubar	Bangor, ME	
185.	Richard Blanke	Bangor, ME	
186.	Rebecca Gott	Hampden, ME	
187.	Dennis Clark	Issaquah, WA	Classics is NOT the area to swing the axe against; I have had a successful 30 year career in IT, and frankly I learned much more about how to think clearly and logically from two degrees in Classics than any one engineering class I ever took! Shameful even to consider such a cut!
188.	Peter Green	Iowa City, IA	As is now well known, closing down small departments and reallocating their faculty saves little, and often no, money. Classics students lead humanities in SAT results, and are much sought after by CEO's as clear-thinking administrators. There is no viable excuse for abolishing Classics at UMaine Orono.
189.	Gabriela Bal	São Paulo, Brazil	
190.	Kevin Holsapple	Crystal River, FL	The Humanities require a Classics component. Please keep Latin and Greek alive at the University of Maine.
191.	ian hoyt	belgrade, ME	
192.	Ben Doty	Orono, ME	
193.	Stephen Clark	Prenton, United Kingdom	Without Latin and Greek much scientific nomenclature is unmeaning. Science and the Humanities both need the Classics.
194.	Giannis Stamatellos	Alimos, Greece	
195.	Marc Beauchemin	Saco, ME	
196.	Tintti Tupola	Tampere, Finland	
197.	Victoria Tanenbaum	Presque Isle, ME	Without Latin or Greek, our education would be missing something. I'd hate to see people to go elsewhere for these classes when we already have a wonderful resource right on campus.
198.	M. Kohler-Busch	Bangor, ME	Latin and Greek literatures and languages, philosophy, historic writings - these are foundational aspects of many cultures, including our own. If that does not carry immediate economic resonance - the direct connection to communication in medicine, biology, botany and other "hard" sciences should give pause to reexamine the decision to do away with the study of Classics.

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199.	Thomas Mether	Hermitage, TN	I am reminded when Reagan and Hayakawa wanted to close the classics department at Cal State. One of Hayakawa's representatives made a fortuitous Freudian slip. [Justifying why times had changed and no need for classics] He said, "After financial aid came, students come because they want a job and who aren't smart enough for culture really cannot see the point of classics." It was the best Freudian slip ever and helped turn the tide at SFSU. Ever notice it is those with a low utility mentality that end up in administration or state level politics. They are probably the alumni of "you don't need classics or humanities" schools.
200.	Naheed Azhar	Edison, NJ	
201.	William TeBrake	Bangor, ME	
202.	Helen M. York	Newcastle, ME	First of all, I am opposed to cutting academics at the state university in any fashion. I would prefer tht the sports program be cut, the cafeteria be closed, or that grounds maintenance be eliminated rather than cut education, which is after all the reason the university exists in the first place. But if courses or departments must be cut, classics should be maintained. Eliminating the classics is like expecting a building to stand after part of the foundation has been destroyed.
203.	Douglas Ludwig	Newcastle, ME	Eliminating the study of Latin and Greek at the university level is shocking. Such language studies are vital to a basic liberal arts education. To eliminate them is to embrace "dumbing down" and the appalling transition of our once proud University into a mere glorified vocational school.
204.	Jennifer Zabko	Bangor, ME	
205.	Dylan Burns	New Haven, CT	
206.	Georgia Irby-Massie	Williamsburg, VA	
207.	Michael Ireland	Vancouver, Canada	
208.	Daniel Dombrowski	Seattle, WA	I received my undergraduate degree from UMO. Please continue the tradition of excellent education in the humanities at my "alma mater." (I could not resist adding a Latin phrase to my petition!)
209.	Konstantinos Gkaleas	Trikala, Greece	It seems that nowadays there's a global tendency to forget our cultural - educational roots. Just tell me which tree is capable of living without its proper roots.
210.	Luciana Soares	paris, France	
211.	Gwendolyn Gruber	Springfield, MO	

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212.	Jan Opsomer	Cologne, Germany	The subject is intrinsically valuable and still at the core of an intellectual education. Moreover it is important in an interdisciplinary context, inside and even outside of humanities. Many parts of the political, cultural, linguistic history and of art history would become unintelligible without a thorough knowledge of the classics.
213.	Demetres Tryphonopoulos	Fredericton, Canada	
214.	José Molina	México, D. F., Mexico	Lamento mucho que se pretenda seguir mutilando el espíritu. A eso se deben las crisis en otros rubros de la existencia
215.	Panayiota Vassilopoulou	Liverpool, United Kingdom	
216.	Owen Goldin	Milwaukee, WI	This is exactly like eliminating wilderness areas but it costs too much in lost income to keep them. Both wilderness and classics make society as a whole stronger, providing a resource that allows people to escape the mentality of day to day chatter, getting in touch with the things that really matter. And the study of Greek and Latin makes people smarter -- there is little better exercise for the brain -- which of course is good for Maine in many many ways.
217.	Bernard Collette	Quebec City, Canada	The teaching and studying of Latin and Greek is part of the essentials of the Humanities and deserved to be protected and maintained. I wish the decision to cut Classics from the curriculum will be withdrawn.
218.	Anthony Preus	Binghamton, NY	
219.	Levan Gigineishvili	Tbilisi, Georgia	Pursuit of the purpose of life rather than comfortable life
220.	Egorochkin Mikhail	Dzerzhinsky, Russian Federation	
221.	Phillip Meade	Fenton, MI	
222.	Naama Zahavi-Ely	Williamsburg, VA	
223.	Elias Tempelis	Penteli, Greece	
224.	Peter Manchester	Port Jefferson Station, NY	As someone who has taught philosophy for 44 years, I regard the availability of undergraduate study of Latin and Greek as indispensable to a coherent degree program in not just philosophy but the humanities in general.
225.	Frederic Schroeder	Gananoque, Canada	
226.	Carol Poster	Toronto, Canada	Rivgourous training in classical languages and rhetoric has proven consistently among the best forms of education for professional writers. Latin, especially, is correlated strongly with excellent writing skills because of the way it makes students think analytically about syntax and style.

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227.	Christos Evangeliou	Baltimore, MD	Cutting teachers' salaries and eliminating educational programs is not a good way of saving money, when the USA burns, in unnecessary wars, billions every month. Administrators and Politicians should know this better than others, and Thomas Jefferson could remind them, if they have forgotten this simple truth.
228.	Paolo Biondi	Sudbury, Canada	I would think educating our youth would be a wiser way to spend tax dollars than on such things as 'fighting terrorism'.
229.	John Turner	Lincoln, NE	In the modern undergraduate university, Classics remains the only discipline in which true care for the mastery of language is made available. Have your administrators read any English composition essays lately?
230.	Kristna Passman Nielson	Orono, ME	The people of the State of Maine deserve to have affordable access to Latin & Greek, and a Classical education. This is not about the popularity of a language. It is about the basis of Western culture. Why does this even have to be said?
231.	LUANN KURFIS	EDGEWATER, FL	If we don't keep the classics in our schools how are kids going gto learn aboput them?
232.	James Brophy	Veazie, ME	Maine's flagship University deserves to retain a classical, Liberal Arts education. Latin has always been at the heart of that education which for centuries has trained our clever young people. It's produced doctors, lawyers, and academics--the current administration is telling smart young Maine kids to get the hell out of this state--Go to UVM, go to UNH, go to Harvard, but don't bother coming to UMaine for a liberal arts education. UMaine is going to make itself one of the finest community colleges in the north east.
233.	Nancy Borland	Camden, ME	Classical languages are the essence of a liberal education which is the heart and soul of Western civilization. Our flagship university must honor that tradition.
234.	Mary Lenzi	Platteville, WI	We cannot truly or fully know ourselves, our history and future without knowledge of the Classics. Save the Classics Departments wherever they are.
235.	Amy Cross	Brewer, ME	
236.	Emil Kramer	Davenport, IA	As the most recent president emeritus of the Illinois Classical Conference, I strongly urge those with the power to adjudicate this situation to reconsider this decision. Please feel free to contact me at 309 794-7378.
237.	Yvonne Thibodeau	Old Town, ME	It's unbelievable that, in 2010, we're even having to sign a petition to support this. Doing away with classics is tantamount to creating historical amnesia and ensuring that student education continues to diminish.
238.	Daniel Wilband	Halifax, Canada	

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239.	Charlott Gross	New York, NY	Professor of English North Carolina State University Raleigh NC
240.	Vassiliki Panoussi	Williamsburg, VA	
241.	Mariella Menchelli	Pisa, Italy	
242.	James Pritchard	Franklin, NC	
243.	Jean Michel CHARRUE	Paris, France	I support the Jay Bregman 's petition
244.	Giovanna Giardina	Catania, Italy	
245.	Loredana Cardullo	Catania, Italy	
246.	Dirk Baltzly	Princeton, NJ	Classics graduates are highly valued by employers and by the public service.
247.	Michael Alden	Brewer, ME	Save the Classics at UMaine Orono!
248.	Ross Kilpatrick	Kingston, Canada	
249.	Andrew Block	Chicago, IL	
250.	claudia maggi	naples, Italy	I think that the teaching of Latin and Greek is necessary to undestand better philosophy and culture in general and to bring to a complete develop of human freedom
251.	Luke Amentas	milwaukee, WI	Somethings are valuable not only for their utility but also for their own sake, Classical Studies, especially the study of the Classical languages is one of these things.
252.	Eugene Afonasin	Novosibirsk, Russian Federation	
253.	Leonidas BARGELIOTES	MAROUSSI GREECE, Greece	
254.	Cyril Crawford	Leuven, Belgium	please don't give in to shortsighted pragmatism.
255.	sandra haggard	swans island, ME	umaine cannot be a comprehensive university without latin and greek, and the scholars who teach them.
256.	Diane Thompson	Farmington, ME	
257.	jim day	pittsfield, MA	
258.	Nicholas Young	Detroit, MI	In a time when there is a decrease in knowledge of history, a decrease in the knowledge of where our civilization originated, why eliminate one of primary means of connecting with the human past. Classics majors and Latin and Greek majors work with teaching, archaeology, the humanities, theology, architecture, literature, the human mind.
259.	Nancy Antonellis	Brockton, MA	
260.	Scott Robertson	San Diego, CA	

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261.	Susan Scoppa	Fairport, NY	People who find out I teach Latin say they wish they had the opportunity to take Latin. Let's make opportunities happen!
262.	Robert Patrick	Atlanta, GA	I cannot imagine why a university would cut a major that touches almost every aspect of our culture. Our Latin programs here in metro Atlanta grow each year. Finding well trained, highly qualified teachers becomes more a burden when good universities cut Classics majors. Please don't do this!
263.	Justin Bailey	Santa Monica, CA	Enrollment in Latin at many high schools, including the one at which I teach, is going up, not down. Any college that eliminates its Latin offerings is eliminating itself from the list of college options for an increasing number of students. This is to say nothing of the intrinsic merits of studying a language that every educated Westerner for almost 2000 years knew, and that every Western author in that time period assumed his or her educated readership knew!
264.	sarah roach	jefferstonton, VA	Only ignorant people would do this. I never had much respect for you Maine people. I guess now I know why.
265.	Nathan Tillman	Newark, DE	
266.	Dexter Hoyos	Sydney, Australia	
267.	Ed Jenkinson	huntington beach, CA	
268.	naomi kirby	balwyn nth, victoria, Australia	Cut classics with latin and greek studies? these are the cornerstones of a sophisticated liberal arts education!
269.	William Snyder	Bedford, PA	
270.	Virginia Kehoe	Wichita, KS	
271.	Sherry Jankowski	Las Vegas, NV	
272.	Vanessa Walker	Anchorage, AK	Please, please reconsider! Latin and Greek are so important.
273.	James Bridgman	Leeds, MA	Latin and Greek are the foundation of western thought. To drop them as a major from your curricula is a serious mistake. Please reconsider!
274.	Inna Kunz	Easton, MD	
275.	William Biondolino	New York, NY	To deny any student to right to pursue a Latin major will only serve to drive prospective students and their tuitions away from your institution. I should hope that you would reconsider.
276.	Jeremiah Mead	Chelmsford, MA	This action would move Maine's motto from "dirigo" to "degredior." Please think again.
277.	John Whelpton	Kowloon, Hong Kong	I am very saddened that the University is planning to end the teaching of Latin and ancient Greek, especially as recognition of their educational value has again begun to grow in the USA and elsewhere. Latin in particular, as the basis of many modern European languages and the <i>(continues on next page)</i>

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277.	John Whelpton	Kowloon, Hong Kong	<i>(continued from previous page)</i> language of European scholarship for seventeen centuries, is important both for linguistic and historical-cultural reasons.
278.	Roger Travis	Storrs, CT	Intercultural competency is the foundation of every 21st Century skill. There is no better way to achieve that competency than with the study of language; there are no outcomes superior to those attained in classics.
279.	Donald Connor	New York, NY	A short-sighted approach that reflects poorly on the intellectual curiosity that should characterize the state and citizens of Maine
280.	Hue Huynh	Ypsilanti, MI	SAVE THE CLASSICS!
281.	Rose Williams	Abilene, TX	I am a retired Latin teacher who is constantly asked by high schools and colleges to teach Latin for them. I am not physically up to it, but everywhere in the nation I have gone, good students are begging for Latin teachers. Good jobs to be had, and students who will greatly benefit from studying Latin. Please continue to train Latin teachers.
282.	Janet Brock	Newcastle, ME	Classics is one of the most efficient ways to achieve literacy and develop skills of communication. By continuing your Classics program, you give your students the 21st century skills that will get UMO noticed.
283.	Nick DeGroot	Winter Park, FL	
284.	Mary Pendergraft	Greensboro, NC	To deprive students of such an important resource when there is no compelling reason makes no sense and is a source of shame for the university.
285.	Carol McMichael	Merion, PA	
286.	itzel navarro	Lynwood, CA	
287.	Jennifer Sheridan Moss	Huntington Woods, MI	Save a few bucks, ruin a whole bunch of educations. BAD IDEA!
288.	Ed DeHoratius	Wayland, MA	
289.	Valentina DeNardis	Villanova, PA	
290.	Benjamin Alexander	Lexington, SC	Cutting Classics would emasculate curriculum, compromise academic excellence, and jeopardize generations of students opportunities to excel.
291.	Naomi Graham	New Berlin, NY	
292.	Lee Meroney	Asheville, NC	
293.	BARRY ROBBINS	NASHVILLE, TN	
294.	Patrick Barrett	Chandler, AZ	So much in our own culture is explained by understanding the classical languages.

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295.	Evgenia Smitni	Williamsburg, VA	Please reconsider. The importance of Latin & Greek in any education is immeasurable. Do not deprive your state students from education that comes with classics.
296.	Ann Martin	Bracknell, United Kingdom	The impact of Latin and Greek on our language, culture, style of government, history and literature is vast. Let us not forget.
297.	Robert Maier	Freising, Germany	As we are developing our future we have to know our past. Latin & Greek play an essential role in communication with people living centuries ago and help us to understand the essence of humanity.
298.	theresa wenck	Allentown, PA	Please do not eliminate this program. I know many students who have vastly benefited from the study of Latin.
299.	Jennifer Sons	Asheville, NC	Latin and Greek have allowed me to first understand and strengthen my English grammar and vocabulary. Second a classical education allows for me to receive a well-rounded education and connects one to the past. Without classics departments in the universities no one would be able to begin to understand history and where our own country developed from.
300.	Daniel Robie	Winter Springs, FL	Hello! Please continue offering Latin and Greek at the University of Maine, Orono. I am a twelve-year Latin teacher in Florida. I have seen the positive effects of Latin and Greek from both sides of the desk. Its study has positively affected me and many of those around me in ways I cannot possibly express. It goes far beyond the ability to communicate more powerfully because I understand how language works. It goes far beyond the ability to understand more deeply modern events because I can see them through the lens of Roman and Greek history and literature. There is something about the classics that engenders thoughtfulness--a sine qua non in our contemporary world.
301.	virginia wills	Melbourne, FL	I have taught Latin for 34 years to middle and high school students and have seen the impact it has on their learning and their enthusiasm for learning.
302.	Christine Meyer	Devon, PA	Without Classics, we are a superficial culture. Students MUST have firsthand access to the classical culture if they are to appreciate and then serve their own times.
303.	Keely Lake	Beaver Dam, WI	
304.	Maureen Haviland	Bedford, MA	At the high schools where Latin is offered, enrollment is swelling, not shrinking. Many of these students would think twice about applying to a college that didn't offer the opportunity to study Classics. Please reconsider.
305.	Scott Holcomb	Fredericksburg, VA	
306.	Andrew Becker	Blacksburg, VA	

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307.	Rudolph Masciantonio	Philadelphia, PA	Latin and Greek are vital parts of education. Surely the University of Maine does not want to be branded as devaluing these important subjects.
308.	PHILIP HICKEY	Denver, CO	The University of Mane should hang its head in shame. Is its goal to "delete" a study of ancient Rome and ancient Greece? Will students of the future believe history began in 1492 when Columbus sailed the ocean blue? Will students of the future not appreciate the rich heritage of English vocabulary?
309.	James Stebbins	South Bend, IN	
310.	Jean Wilson Moore	Montclair, NJ	The study of Latin and Greek is also an eyewitness trip into the development of the language and civilization of Western culture, an essential perspective. Save the Classics!
311.	Charles Bradshaw	Amherst, MA	Do you want the many high school students of the classics in Maine to feel they must go elsewhere to continue their studies of Latin in Greek in higher education?
312.	Monica Faiella	Saugus, MA	
313.	Karla Herndon	Berkeley, CA	I teach Latin at a large public high school in northern California. Many of my students cut their academic teeth on Latin and grow to love the language and the world it reveals. As a foundation for future studies in the humanities it can't be beat. Classical studies are vitally important. The students of Maine deserve no less.
314.	Kelly Northrup	Bell Buckle, TN	What does not cost the university benefits her.
315.	Ellen Perry	Douglas, MA	I work at the College of the Holy Cross where we have 55-70 Classics majors (depending on time of year) who all have to take both Greek and Latin to the advanced level. Last year, Classics majors made up 2.5% of our graduating seniors, but garnered 12.5% of the Phi Beta Kappa slots. Our majors get into medical school, law school and business school at very high rates in comparison to other majors. Elite schools have strong Classics programs.
316.	Donna Lyons	Simsbury, CT	I am a retired Latin teacher in Connecticut and also an adjunct professor of languages. We are desperate for qualified Latin teachers in our state, and so I urge you to continue the teaching of Latin and provide a Latin major at your university. Thank you very much.
317.	Sheila Houlihan	Wethersfield, CT	
318.	Anne Stock	Ellicott City, MD	I have taught Latin for 4 years, and my students have gone to all sorts of schools. Many of them have taken Latin classes, even when they did not expect to. Please give students the chance to take Latin classes and even major in Classics if they so choose!
319.	Sarah Eckrich	Gladwyne, PA	

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320.	Amy Rechiene	Mooreville, NC	As a Latin teacher I am constantly battling against the thought that Latin is a dead language (and thus no longer useful to a modern society) and I teach everyday how Latin and the Romans influence us, our language, and our culture.
321.	Amy Hornick	Pensacola, FL	
322.	annette swarzenski	berkeley, CA	
323.	John Consilvio	Arlington, MA	
324.	Jennifer Huettner	Brookfield, CT	Many of my high school students have gone to your school--please do not take this curriculum choice away from them!
325.	Kay Neal	Champaign, IL	Nothing can be more pragmatic in education today than a field that is unassailably proven to foster the solid communication skills that all areas of business and industry require. Graduates of classics programs are found working at the highest levels in journalism, government, the high-tech industry, and even sports and entertainment.
326.	Svetla Slaveva-Griffin	Tallahassee, FL	
327.	Marsha Newer	Midland, GA	
328.	Linda Kordas	Manchester, NH	Latin teachers are needed all over the US. In this economy, when no one can get a job, there were 100 plus jobs waiting for candidates. Are you sure that you want to get rid of Latin and Greek? It seems to me to be a wrong turn. As a teacher of Latin for 25 years, I'm looking to retire soon, and who will take my very dynamic program?
329.	Jennifer Jordt	Tinley Park, IL	
330.	Lisa Auanger	Hampton, VA	It is already difficult to find good, well-trained Latin teachers to work with students who would benefit immensely from study of Latin - in vocabulary, mechanics, understanding of culture, etc.
331.	Victoria Henderson	Midlothian, VA	
332.	Alice Lanckton	Newton, MA	
333.	Sin Guanci	Athens, GA	
334.	Greta Ham	Devon, PA	I was saddened to hear of UMaine's intent to get ride of its Greek and Latin program. Every summer, I teach a classics program for rising high school seniors up in NH and many of my students look in Maine's direction as they consider colleges. I think this will be a real loss.
335.	Melissa Goldman	Los Alamos, NM	
336.	James Sickinger	Tallahassee, FL	

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337.	Catherine Venturini	Waldwick, NJ	I have several hundred very eager Latin students, many of whom go on to study Classics at university. If American universities no longer support Latin, it will be a sad day for those who have come to love and value Classical languages and culture and see their continued relevance in their lives and in the modern world. We look to you to serve our carefully nurtured constituents. Please retain your Latin and Greek program!
338.	karen hynes	west roxbury, MA	
339.	Miriam Byrd	Arlington, TX	
340.	Erik Collins	Philadelphia, PA	
341.	Camille Fusco	Greenwich, CT	
342.	Kurt Winkler	Seaford, DE	Former students (I AM a teacher!) have gone up north to continue their Latin studies...I look to being able to give them as many options as possible, including U Maine, Orono!
343.	Mary Carroll	Elizabeth City, NC	I am a Latin teacher in rural North Carolina. When I left my last position, it took the high school 5 years to find a certified teacher. But the school district held onto Latin because it understands the value of the Classics and does not want our students deprived of its benefit. That is how severe the shortage of high school Latin teachers is. Keep your program, graduate certified teachers, and send them to the South! We WILL employ them.
344.	Anna Andresian	Reno, NV	
345.	Francis Cairns	Tallahassee, FL	A university without Classics is not a university!
346.	Sandra Gilmore	Millville, PA	After 33 years of teaching high school Latin, I retired in June. My school district had great difficulty obtaining a qualified person to replace me. Please continue to allow your students the opportunity to major in Latin. The teaching profession needs them!
347.	Michael Girard	Natick, MA	
348.	Meredith Wise	Lexington, KY	Cutting Classics would be a very short-sighted decision.
349.	Elizabeth Parker	Tallahassee, FL	As someone who wants to teach Latin and inspire others to love the classics, I consider this a tragedy.
350.	Elizabeth Killorin	Roslindale, MA	
351.	David Branscome	Tallahassee, FL	
352.	Mary Gillespie	Rockville, MD	I studied classics. I taught English for a time in High School and teach ESL today. I am also a full time IT consultant. Having a program of classical education is vital to ensure that there are teachers in our schools who have a broad background in languages and history and can use that background to teach children to read, to write, and to call upon historical references that help polarize thought.
353.	Steven Schaffer	Little Egg Harbor, NJ	

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354.	Sophie Mills	Asheville, NC	I hope the university will reconsider this short-sighted and profoundly anti-intellectual proposal. Value isn't always measured in terms of dollars and cents as any academic ought to know.
355.	Jennifer Dohm	Natick, MA	
356.	Brandon Jones	Seattle, WA	
357.	Candace Day	Northville, MI	
358.	Linda Tervooren	Midland, TX	
359.	John Devine	Culleoka, TN	I have a long respect for the erudition in Maine. Keep the classics, I pray you.
360.	Elizabeth Norena	El Cerrito, CA	What a shame that Classics is no longer valued - I am thankful for my education in Greek and Latin, which were not only fun to learn but gave me a whole new perspective on the human race.
361.	jeffrey katz	greenwich, CT	
362.	Charles Chiasson	Arlington, TX	
363.	Lindsay Knight	Aberdeen, NJ	I teach high school Latin and have many students who are interested in pursuing Latin and Greek in college. I hope they won't have to eliminate UMaine Orono from their list of choices because of such a decision.
364.	Teresa Ramsby	Amherst, MA	
365.	Leslie Wood	Clinton, MS	
366.	Paul Perrot	Falls Church, VA	The Latin language represents over 2000 years of writing and literature - and much of the western world's most important literature. Eliminating the study of Latin and the Classics is unthinkable. Please reconsider your decision.
367.	Eugene Hamilton	Casper, WY	Facinus indignum mihi videtur nomen universitatis dare ei scholae quae litteris deest Latinis Graecisque. Tales scholae enim non spectant ad humanitatem colendam, sed ad operarios sine mente instituendos. Hae non universitates sunt vocandae, sed officinae. Nunc temporis vestrum est constituere utrum in re an in specie sit universitas vestra. Boni consulete!
368.	John Horan	White Plains, NY	
369.	Shirley Lowe	Natick, MA	Latin and Greek have broken the time barrier between civilizations for over 2000 years. We continue to need colleges and universities where those who want to read what the ancients wrote without the mediation of a translator. I hope that you will continue to offer these valuable courses to your students.
370.	David Hammond	High Point, NC	
371.	Kimberly Kemtes	Las Vegas, NV	

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372.	Cherie Marceau	Middletown, CT	Let the Classics live on for the enrichment of modern civilization!
373.	Pamela Hedrick	High Point, NC	A B.A. in classics from the University of NC at Greensboro has enriched my life in numerous ways, not least in leading to my career as a scholar of Christian Origins (High Point University). Please do not deny such potential for enrichment both personally and professionally to your future undergraduates.
374.	Tamara Yourk	Fitchburg, MA	
375.	Tim Stover	Tallahassee, FL	
376.	Sarah Bjorkman	Arlington, MA	
377.	Stefanie Gigante	Cliffside Park, NJ	
378.	edward steltzer	hampden, ME	
379.	elizabeth tylawsky	Norwich, CT	
380.	Karen Yardley	Southington, CT	
381.	Diana Jensen	Derwood, MD	As a high school Latin teacher, I feel the more good choices for my prospective classics majors/minors to study, the greater their chance of finding just the right school for success. Liberal Arts of all varieties guarantee the diversity of thought we need in our country to succeed.
382.	Lee Fratantuono	Delaware, OH	
383.	Daniel Libatique	JERSEY CITY, NJ	
384.	Christopher Robbins	Worcester, MA	
385.	Jennifer Adams	Fairfield, CT	I recently graduated with a BA in Classics, and can honestly say that the experience has forever changed and enriched my life. So many aspects of our nation, and indeed western civilization, are owed to the Romans and the Greeks. There is no replacing the experience of reading Roman and Greek texts firsthand, in the original language. Please don't deny your students the opportunity to study--and fall in love with--the Classics.
386.	Martha Risser	Hartford, CT	
387.	Rebecca Morrison	Baton Rouge, LA	
388.	JoAnne Miller	Enola, PA	Please don't allow Classics to be lost to your Maine students!
389.	Henry Bender	Pottstown, PA	How can such a great school drop the fundamental subject areas that live in the ideology of our founding fathers and that is the root of the majority of English vocabulary??
390.	Gabe Baker	West Hollywood, CA	It is now more than ever that we need to promote the humanities. This cut would reflect poorly on the state of Maine.
391.	Serena Connolly	New Brunswick, NJ	

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392.	Jane Troha	Shaker Heights, OH	I start students on a journey of learning and loving Latin. Please keep your program so they have options to pursue as they think about colleges!
393.	Trevor Luke	Gainesville, FL	The Classics were crucial in the formation of our nation. Every university worthy of the name university in this nation should have a Classics department.
394.	jacqueline lopata	Crownsville, MD	I actually took an online Latin course from U. Maine Orono many years ago, as part of my attempt to make a career change to teaching Latin. I am now teaching Latin in Howard County, Maryland.
395.	William Hutton	Williamsburg, VA	
396.	Martha Beck	Topsfield, MA	My son attends college in Maine, I plan to retire to Maine and as Maine works to improve its image as a good place for business to be, it will be important for Maine to offer an educated labor force.
397.	Vanessa Butterfield	Boise, ID	
398.	Christine Hahn	Medina, OH	
399.	Gail Cooper	Bryn Athyn, PA	
400.	John Lachs	Nashville, TN	
401.	Jeffrey Henderson	Boston, MA	To eliminate this traditional and central element of the liberal arts curriculum would reduce the quality and stature of the university's degree and deprive its humanities students of an option available at peer institutions, in return for little or no budgetary relief.
402.	P. Christopher Smith	York, ME	For all of my 45 years at U.Mass Lowell, I have fought against the loss of language that, like a disease, has afflicted nearly all my students. Though an emeritus philosophy professor, I now teach Latin as the best way to counter the loss of English. It would be a grievous error to abolish Latin at U. Main Orono. Soon we would have nothing left but a flat and unimaginative tech-speak.
403.	MaryJoan Masello	Wilmette, IL	Keep the Classics at UMaine Orono! There is a shortage of Latin teachers.
404.	Jonathan Coker	Charleston, SC	When you take away Latin and Greek, you are not just taking away future Classicists, you are also taking away an academic tool that trains future doctors, lawyers, teachers, government workers, etc. Having Latin and Greek as a major makes students more versatile than you can imagine. They make more interesting candidates for many jobs at a time when the market is flooded with people who have business degrees.
405.	Adam Johnson	Charleston, SC	Latin and Greek are a vital link to the classical humanist tradition, and any self-respecting university would do well to ensure that they remain enshrined in its curriculum. <i>(continues on next page)</i>

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405.	Adam Johnson	Charleston, SC	<i>(continued from previous page)</i> Students look for these mainstays when they are enrolling, and many medical schools, law schools, and graduate programs in the arts and humanities favor Latin and Greek over other languages. Keeping these languages, especially if it is cost-neutral to maintain their implementation, is a no-brainer. The world is waiting for your decision with great concern.
406.	Terence Tunberg	Lexington, KY	Destruction of language/humanities programs is destruction of our culture, and impoverishment of education
407.	claudia taborn	oakhurst, NJ	
408.	Crystal Addey	Bristol, United Kingdom	
409.	Victoria Leonard	Cardiff, United Kingdom	
410.	Alessandro Linguiti	firenze, Italy	
411.	Anne Sheppard	Egham, United Kingdom	
412.	Anne Cober	Greensboro, NC	
413.	Daniel McCaffrey	Ashland, VA	The Greeks and the Romans were the beginning of Western civilization. the Greeks invented both philosophy and Democaracy. We must know our ancestors to know who we are now.
414.	Maria Wenglinsky	Brooklyn, NY	
415.	Jason Barillaro	Lakeville, CT	
416.	Laura Joyner	Lexington, VA	Let us make decisions guided by what is right and not what is expedient.
417.	Richard Stanley	San Antonio, TX	The study of classical languages and cultures strengthens the sense of historical depth and cultural breadth, as well as strengthening and broadening a sense of the value and power of language. As far as I am concerned Classics does this in a way that no other course of study can. It would be a big mistake to remove such a rich source of educational growth.
418.	Janene Mattingly	Washington, IL	
419.	Robin Colby	Waterville, ME	
420.	Michael North	Washington, DC	
421.	Rosemary Zurawel	South Berwick, ME	
422.	Kyriacos Markides	Stillwater, ME	
423.	Angela Fischer	Kingsville, MD	

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424.	Michael Deschenes	Tyngsborough, MA	
425.	Matthew Schmitz	Billings, MT	
426.	Shelly McCormick-Lane	Westborough, MA	It will be a sad day in Maine when no one from the Honors College will be even able to translate its own motto, "Studium eruditionis ardescens".
427.	Joanne O'Toole	Oswego, NY	Modern languages and societies emerged from words, concepts, and practices of classic languages and cultures. Do not shut the door on our students' access to the rich understandings of the modern world that are provided by the study of the Classics.
428.	Gloria Charland	Ingleside, IL	
429.	Meghan Geronimo	St.Louis, MO	
430.	Robert Dudley	Durham, NC	The students and faculty realize the importance of maintaining the original Liberal Arts major. It is my hope that the administration will as well.
431.	Terri Marlow	Parkersburg, WV	THIS will be a great loss. Our school dropped latin 3 yrs. ago despite many protests. Now we feel the loss - in English, Science, the Arts, etc. Don't let this happen to you.
432.	Brian Prince	Houston, TX	
433.	Han Baltussen	Adelaide, Australia	Classical culture has been (and will be) a lasting inspiration to generations (to come); it is worth holding on to!
434.	Carol Haring	Spartanburg, SC	
435.	Larry Dean	Cincinnati, OH	
436.	Anne Mahoney	Medford, MA	Where will the next generation of classicists come from if state flagships close down departments? Maine's students deserve education, not just job training.
437.	Eileen Walvoord	Evanston, IL	Let us not abandon the values that educated people have embraced for centuries. As a culture, we must not forget that pursuing knowledge for knowledge's sake is the cornerstone of every advanced civilization. All aspects of humanity and human endeavor are worth studying. The more we learn, the more we grow in every sense of the word. Let us not sacrifice the study of the language and culture that has given us the Roman and Greek models of beauty and harmony that are everywhere present and celebrated in Western Europe and that hardly survive in American culture.

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438.	Margaret Imber	Lewiston, ME	Maine students deserve the chance to receive a true, liberal arts education. Maine taxpayers deserve a first rate university. Both require sustained attention to the original questions of the Western tradition. Both require a sustained commitment to the project of the humanities: the refinement of the quality of the individual's reflection upon and the community's discussion about the terms on which we live. If you want Maine to be the way life ought to be, you need to ensure that Maine citizens can bring the skepticism and creativity to that life fostered by a demanding education in the humanities - and you'd do well to begin that education with the first western communities who understood that their viability depended upon the skepticism and creativity of their citizens.
439.	Danielle L	Worcester, MA	
440.	Baltasar Fra-Molinero	Lewiston, ME	Latin is an integral part of our diverse heritage, and so is Greek. Our diverse cultural heritage needs to expand its scope, not to limit it.
441.	David Kolb	Eugene, OR	As a classics major I came to a deeper appreciation of the roots of our institutions, and how we have both improved on and fallen back from the ancients.
442.	Trudy Stevenson	Los Altos, CA	
443.	Marie Bolchazy	Barrington, IL	
444.	Ellen Peters	Auburn, ME	Latin is such a great way to learn English. Correct grammar and appropriate vocabulary allow us to be effective communicators - and we are in desperate need of strong communication in this digital age. Grammar has not routinely been taught in our public school system - not until he took Latin did my son learn any grammar rules.
445.	James Parakilas	Lewiston, ME	
446.	David Yates	Jackson, MS	Traditions that have literally spanned millennia should not be so callously abandoned, especially when (as is the case here) there is absolutely no exigent financial need.
447.	Jennifer Yates	Jackson, MS	
448.	Loring Danforth	Lewiston, ME	Latin and Ancient Greek as well as other foreign languages are central to a liberal arts education. I strongly encourage you to keep these programs strong at UMO.
449.	Kathy Lewton	Norton, OH	The Classics have helped shape both my daughter and her husband as their pursued degrees in higher education.
450.	Martin Andrucki	Lewiston, ME	The purpose of a university is to preserve the best of the past in order to lay the groundwork for the future. Latin and Greek are central to that mission.
451.	Holly Sypniewski	Jackson, MS	
452.	Jennifer Koviach-Cote	Poland, ME	

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453.	Matthew Archibald	Waterville, ME	
454.	Bernadette McClain	Bowie, MD	Please do not eliminate the classics major! I wish I were able to take Latin in college. Don't forgo this chance to others!
455.	Ellie Rhodes	Greenville, SC	What a shame it would be to lose a program
456.	Drew Mannerter	Poplar, WI	We see the effects in today's society that the neglect of studying the Classics has engendered. Please save your Classical studies program.
457.	Jennifer Felan	Chesapeake, VA	
458.	John Pribram	Charlottesville, VA	Greek and Latin and the cultures they represent are part of what defines us and should be integral to our universities and colleges.
459.	Sara Mannerter	Poplar, WI	You have got to be kidding me. If you value a liberal arts education, I urge the UMO administration to reconsider.
460.	Patrick Battersby	Windsor, CT	I am a practicing lawyer and my classical education has given my an edge over my adversaries that is a great benefit to my clients. Before I attended law school I needed to learn how to think. My classical education did just that. Eliminating the program would be a tremendous disservice to your students.
461.	James Reese	Lewiston, ME	
462.	Jeanne Friedman	Portage, MI	
463.	Peter Hardin	Poquoson, VA	An outrage that anyone learned enough to be in a position of authority in education should even consider deleting the classics. The Western world is Greek ideas transmitted through Rome and its language--centuries of unbroken excellence. Reconsider tomfoolery now.
464.	Susan Jones	Murphy, NC	Save the teaching of Latin and Greek. We need classical education programs to SURVIVE in this world, not disappear because of a few dollars. Education is priceless.
465.	Dustin Mills	Bowling Green, OH	
466.	Katherine Reddick	Durham, CT	Keep Latin in Maine!
467.	Scott Paterson	Los Gatos, CA	
468.	Sebastian Moro	Egham, United Kingdom	
469.	Bruce McMenomy	Bellevue, WA	There are fewer and fewer institutions where students are able to study the foundational disciplines of the liberal arts tradition. It is perhaps not surprising that they are typically the best schools.
470.	Cynthia Swanson	St. Simons Island, GA	
471.	Mark Russell	lexington, KY	Keep the Classics at UMAINE Orono!

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472.	Sara Ahbel-Rappe	Ann Arbor, MI	Without the Classics and access to the Classical languages, liberal arts and liberal education have no foundation. A university cannot be taken seriously if it cannot educate its students. Why not go into manufacturing candy or selling bubblegum, if what you are doing is not actually education people?
473.	Laura Howard	Scarborough, ME	
474.	Lisa Lilley	Springfield, MO	A university that offers Latin and Greek studies should view them as a jewel in its crown as well as evidence of a real commitment to the humanities. Please save this program!
475.	Timothy Smith	Orono, ME	
476.	Sara Flounders	Clifton Heights, PA	
477.	Daniel Bluth	Philadelphia, PA	
478.	Andrew Fenton	Philadelphia, PA	
479.	Tom Hayward	Lewiston, ME	As a UMO graduate, I am deeply distressed at the prospect of Maine students being deprived of the experience of learning Latin and/or Greek. This borders on an insult to the many incredibly dedicated teachers of Latin in the state.
480.	Laurie)'Higgins	Lewiston, ME	To cut the classics program at U Maine Orono would be a grievous mistake. Graduates of classics programs go on to serve as highly competent professionals in many fields. A classical training gives one a depth of perspective like no other. It nourishes the creative imagination, and has inspired writers and artists for thousands of years. Such a short term budgetary gain will mean long term impoverishment.
481.	Rebecca Chodes	Chestnut Hill, MA	
482.	Michael Jones	Lewiston, ME	
483.	Paul Weiss	Arlington, VA	
484.	Dave Yount	Gilbert, AZ	
485.	Fabio Colivicchi	Kingston, Canada	
486.	Alina Volobuyeva	Lewiston, ME	
487.	Michael Cummings	Kingston, Canada	
488.	Erin Gunsinger	Kingston, Canada	Talk about disrespecting one's roots! There are three points of reference: the past, the present and the future. You need ALL THREE to get a trajectory of where you are going. Without studying where/what/who we have been and comparing it with our present state, how will we know whether we are improving or declining? How will we see those things about ourselves that remain constant across the millenia? How will we have the wisdom to decide our future? We need Classical Studies!

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489.	mieke berden	tervuren, Belgium	
490.	tom vanleeuwe	tervuren, Belgium	
491.	Sarah Willis	Durham, NC	
492.	Sean Fenlon	Kingston, Canada	
493.	Jonathan Aprea	Norwell, MA	
494.	David Johnson	Carbondale, IL	Maine's flagship university deserves a program in classics. Without it you cannot claim to be offering students from Maine a solid liberal arts education. Those financially able would (and should) flee to the many private universities in New England offering such an education. Those unable to afford an expensive private school also deserve the sort of education that requires a meaningful exposure to our roots in Greece and Rome.
495.	Laura Chapple	Calgary, Canada	
496.	Nicole Curry	Phoenixville, PA	
497.	Georgeta Popescu	Chicago, IL	
498.	Rebecca Crown	Winnetka, IL	
499.	Heleen Vanleeuwe	Tervuren, Belgium	As a current university student in Belgium, who has followed Greek and Latin in high school, I feel that denying these classes is denying our classic history and the opportunity to learn students the basics of our civilisation and all the knowledge that follows from that.
500.	Hilary Hoffman	St. Johns, FL	
501.	Ian Babbitt	Orono, ME	
502.	Alice Mulberry	Chicago, IL	At a time when many older classicists have retired or are planning to retire, it is important that universities that prepare their replacements continue to offer Latin and Greek programs.
503.	george nocito	philadelphia, PA	
504.	Berta Carela-Harkavy	Santa Fe, NM	Classic languages hold the roots of our civilizations. How can we continue to evolve if we don't take care of the things that have nourished our minds and our understanding? Don't extinguish Greek and Latin.
505.	Caroline Shaw	Lewiston, ME	
506.	Benjamin Johnson	Hampden, ME	
507.	William Beck	Hampden, ME	
508.	Brenda LoPetro	Winterport, ME	
509.	Daniel Caner	Chestnut Hill, MA	I owe so much to my high school and college classics courses. Studying Greek, Latin, and related literature made me think more than any other course I took. It is a shame <i>(continues on next page)</i>

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509.	Daniel Caner	Chestnut Hill, MA	<i>(continued from previous page)</i> that they are misunderstood as irrelevant luxuries, when they are and should be the core of all humanities.
510.	Andrew Bryan	Holden, ME	
511.	Nathaniel Koonce	Saco, ME	
512.	Lois Hinckley	Vienna, ME	I taught Latin and Greek for 34 years, seeing the difference the languages and literature/history made to students : increasing language skills (including reading, understanding and writing their own), broadening their sense of history and continuity -- as well as change -- between then and now, between 'them' and 'us'. Classics - the original languages and their cultures -- are such a large item in our mixed heritages, that taking them out of the curriculum seems (in the old phrase) "penny wise" perhaps but "pound foolish". Once a person sees the shared humanity and the enlivening differences between self and 'others', that person goes on to live in a more aware, more open-minded way. Isn't that the kind of person we wish to foster in this smaller world??
513.	Barbara Weiden Boyd	Brunswick, ME	Maine deserves to have a strong Classics tradition, alive and well.
514.	Peter Hartel	Dexter, ME	Latin and Greek and the Classics as a whole are the basis of Western Civilization. Remember that all roads lead to Rome. Keep Latin in the curriculum!
516.	Sara Anne Cody	Portland, ME	
517.	Karen Theriault	Auburn, ME	
518.	Erin Taylor	Clinton, ME	
519.	Hanna Roisman	Waterville, ME	
520.	Laurie Jolicoeur	LaGrange, IL	I have taught Latin in Illinois for more than 25 years. A vital classics program provides the skill set needed to meet the future vocation needs of our students. I would love the opportunity to share what that looks like, but you can ask anyone who took Latin or Greek and they can share personal stories that are quite compelling. Educate yourselves before you cut. You won't be sorry.
521.	Joshua Peimer	Brighton, MA	Maybe you should get rid of the administration "campus" or stop using the fancy toilet paper for the admins at UMO instead of cutting programs. I would not anticipate a lot of donations if you guys keep running UMO like this. It's shameful.
522.	Melissa Lin	Portland, ME	
523.	Amalia Maletta	Lewiston, ME	

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524.	Jill Crooker	Pittsford, NY	How can a state university be a major institution without the world's basic languages: Latin & Greek? Step into the world of providing a classic education to the students of UMaine.
525.	Caroline Falkner	Kingston, Canada	
526.	William Chesley	Woodville, ME	
527.	Peter Lautner	Piliscsaba, Hungary	
528.	Robert Maronic	Roanoke, VA	In a thousand years there will be more people studying Latin in North America than speaking English!
529.	Joshua Moulton	Old Town, ME	
530.	Belinda Osier	Falmouth, ME	
531.	Mary Meghan Casey	Yarmouth, ME	
532.	Margaret Cook	Winthrop, ME	I have 40% of my high school in Latin. They need to be able to continue with Latin at Maine's flagship campus. Please do not cut this program!
533.	Kristen Kanipe	Charlottesville, VA	The idea that any college or university would seek to purge the study of Latin and Greek is abhorrent to me. Classics is a course of study that allows us to examine our heritage, and the idea that this department should be abolished is beyond the pale. This is not even a budget issue, apparently, since keeping it does not harm the university financially. Not that it would excuse the dismantling of the program even if it WERE a budget issue. Please keep Latin and Greek alive!
534.	Sarah Cook	West Gardiner, ME	
535.	Cole Shanholtz	athens, GA	High school Latin teacher in North Georgia.
536.	Norma Glennon	Gray, ME	Without Classics, is UMaine even a university? Save Orono from the barbarians!
537.	Peggy Warmoth	Youngstown, OH	
538.	James Ferguson	Belmont, MA	
539.	Joseph Scorgia	New York, NY	Teaching of Latin at least and Classical Greek should be mandatory for all students. I have can personally vouch for that.
540.	Sharon Buchanan	Chesapeake, VA	Daily, I see the benefits of my classical education, and after 35 years of teaching high school Latin, I know how crucial these skills are for learning.
541.	cliff broeniman	henrico, VA	
542.	Katie Lattari	Winterport, ME	
543.	Andrew Carroll	Boulder, CO	
544.	Zachary Malloy	Burlington, VT	Maine deserves to have a strong Classics tradition, alive and well. - Barbara Weiden Boyd
545.	Owen Cramer	Colorado Springs, CO	

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546.	Peter Knox	BOULDER, CO	If the state of Maine is to have a thriving economic future, its public university must maintain the highest academic standards. Diminishing the value of a liberal arts education by eliminating from the curriculum the study of Latin, and the cultural heritage it represents, is not the way to do that.
547.	Michael Carpenter	Colorado Springs, CO	
548.	Marnia Pickens	Boulder, CO	I personally think we were screwed the minute we let the right co-opt the Classics. We all know how they feel about education, especially the Liberal Arts and Humanities.
549.	Philip Shelley	Portland, ME	As a student in the UMaine system, it chills my blood to think that this system doesn't whole-heartedly support the classics and the humanities as a matter of definition and principle. Life is about more than science and business.
550.	Alison Orlebeke	Boulder, CO	The teachers of these ancient languages are utterly devoted to passing on their knowledge to the next generation of students. It shouldn't be that hard for a university to maintain a small program so that our culture can continue to preserve and understand its roots.
551.	Jason Prevost	Roslindale, MA	
553.	Jesse Vader	Arvada, CO	
554.	Monica Cyrino	Albuquerque, NM	
555.	Rebecca Kennedy	Granville, OH	
556.	Diane Arnson Svarlien	Lexington, KY	
557.	Erin L'Heureux	Winterport, ME	
558.	Noel Lenski	Boulder, CO	
559.	Keith Woodell	Albuquerque, NM	Classical Studies is a gateway to any number of higher education fields, including Law, Linguistics, Indo-European Studies, Archaeology, History, Art History, Anthropology, Egyptology ... The list goes on and on. Not only that, but Classical Studies is inherently valuable in the study of Western Civilization.
560.	Carole Stroh	Lake Bluff, IL	Always loud and clear is the clamor to "return to the basics" in education. You can't get more basic than a classical education.
561.	nancy sultan	Bloomington, IL	Over 60% of English comes from Latin & Greek and 90% of technical terminology. All Western Languages are cognate with Latin and Greek, and through this language connection come the most important basic ideas of Western thought. No liberal arts college or university of any reputation at all would consider offering a curriculum in which literature, history, philosophy, and science are taught without a thorough understanding of their <i>(continues on next page)</i>

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561.	nancy sultan	Bloomington, IL	<i>(continued from previous page)</i> foundation in classical antiquity. UMaine! Maintain your reputation as a first class academic institution. Preserve the classics!
562.	Amy Vail	Indianapolis, IN	
563.	Caley McGill	Corrales, NM	
564.	Ashley Anglada	albuquerque, NM	
565.	Stacie Raucci	Schenectady, NY	
566.	Joy Somma Collins	Parker, CO	
567.	Vanessa Adler	Albuquerque, NM	
568.	Kris Tracy	Denver, CO	
569.	Scott Barnard	Albuquerque, NM	
570.	Rebecca Jessup	Aurora, CO	Students of classical languages gain depth and breadth of learning that is hard to match in any other field.
571.	Chris Ann Matteo	Ashburn, VA	
572.	Marco DeGaetano	Boulder, CO	I teach Latin, Spanish, and French at a small private school in Denver. Each year, several of our French and Spanish students have asked to study Latin here the following year, based on reports from their friends who have already been introduced to the language. It would definitely be a plus if I could tell them there will be opportunities to study classics further at the university level--and some of them might do so, if that opportunity was there. Please don't cut your classics department.
573.	Mari Hardy	Highlands Ranch, CO	
574.	David Wilson-Okamura	Greenville, NC	I'm not a Classicist, but I've been an English professor for over ten years. I know from experience that the Classics continue to speak to young people today. I don't know if they're unique, only that they do work. They're wise but also funny. They give us a longer perspective, and at the same time they're close to our heart.
575.	Linda Emanuel	Middletown, NY	Classics and the wisdom they contain are invaluable to maintain a civil society./
576.	Richard Hollister	Tucson, AZ	
577.	Jamie Vader	Arvada, CO	I studied latin in high school and college and greek in college, It had a huge impact on my life, and I am a medical provider in community health/family practice
578.	Carl Young	Durham, NC	
579.	Ethan Adkins	Durham, NC	
580.	Mary Storey	Lancaster, CA	Losing the study of Latin is like losing the study of classical art. Latin is so important, not only because it is human history, but because it is the language of knowledge.

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581.	Matthew Barrett	Tempe, AZ	Qui me amat, amat et canem meam. He who loves me, also loves my dog.
582.	Pierre Habel	Lafayette, CO	Without the Humanities-- and the Humanities were born in Greece and Rome-- a university fails in its mission to uplift its students not only technically and economically, but in the skills and knowledge needed to appreciate beauty, foster creativity and approach wisdom. It is a crime to thus bankrupt future generations of U of Maine students!
584.	Adeline Nelson	Ontario, CA	Am glad to help out My great-grandson school
585.	Jennifer Kosak	Brunswick, ME	Students in Maine should have access to the study of Greek and Latin across the state. The study of the humanities, in which these languages play such an important part, is vital to the well-being of our communities.
586.	Mark Herrell	Rio Rancho, NM	
587.	Marcia Smith	Denver, CO	
588.	Antoinette Brazouski	Melrose park, IL	People often realize the influence of their education in Classics only after many years have passed.
589.	Mark Storey	Lancaster, CA	We limit our future, when we do not honor the past.
590.	David Belina	Lakewood, CO	I love the culture and ambiance of Maine. Without Latin or the classics, this culture is greatly reduced. My wife is a retired Latin teacher (I took German) but I can tell you that her knowledge helped propel my early career as an attorney. Don't shut the program down!
591.	Brittany Parsons	Auckland, New Zealand	
592.	Robert Heinsohn	Albuquerque, NM	
593.	Paulette Stewart	Rockland, ME	Latin and the Classics give students an insight into a past that is very much a part of our current culture. The study of the Latin language gives students a better understanding of English and how the language is constructed. Latin also aids students in developing their analytical and organizational skills.
594.	Holli Decker	Lebanon, IN	
595.	Helen Vickery	Boulder, CO	I teach high school Latin and I have a number of students that choose colleges and universities based on whether they offer Latin and / or Greek. Many of my former students have gone on to Latin and related fields.
596.	Jeeah Jung	Los Angeles, CA	
597.	Vanessa Nash	Newburgh, ME	Latin has helped me in many areas of study! I use my Classics knowledge nearly daily. How can we appreciate our modern culture and language if we don't understand their origins?
598.	Susan Churchill	Corrales, NM	More schools are recognizing the importance of this study. PLease save the Classics at UMO. http://www.boston.com/news/education/higher/articles/2009/03/30/

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599.	matthew compton	Eden, NC	
600.	cheryl scott	celina, TN	help the kids
601.	Radcliffe Edmonds	Bryn Mawr, PA	
602.	Michael Mitkus	Philadelphia, PA	As a student of the Classics (both Latin and Greek) (A.B., Holy Cross, 2001), I strongly support this petition to save this important subject from extinction in the UMaine Orono curriculum.
603.	Hilary Clark	Brewer, ME	President Kennedy has already read my views on his administration, and its policies towards the Classics. If he won't listen to the Classics students, perhaps he'll listen to some people more distinguished. Given his administration's complacency, however, I fear that may be too much to ask.
604.	E. N. Genovese	San Diego, CA	Penny wise, pound foolish.
605.	Anne Marie Sears	Waterville, ME	
606.	Tonia Anderson	Collierville, TN	
607.	Edwin A. Ramos	West Lafayette, IN	Latin and Greek are important fields of study that are interdisciplinary in drawing upon analytical skills, archaeology, linguistics, and history among many others. Please consider working with the ACL/NJCL to keep these programs. Thank you.
608.	Rebecca Beemer	Souderton, PA	
609.	Ah Ying Chan	Georgetown, Malaysia	
610.	Tin Yen Lim	Georgetown, Malaysia	
611.	Soo Seng Lim	Georgetown, Malaysia	
612.	Beng Lay Ooi	Georgetown, Malaysia	
613.	Tin Leng Lim	Georgetown, Malaysia	
614.	Joseph Dunphy	Old Town, ME	Taking away Greek studies from a university level institute is to remove the strong cultural history that provided a foundation for much of modernized Europe. Greek culture makes an enormous impact on much of modernize intellectual thought. We see their accomplishments supported and challenged by leading philosophical figures such as Nietzsche, Hegel, Kant, Heidegger, and many others, all of whom find Greek thought important to be examined and studied thoroughly. We can't simply ignore the leaps and bounds in judicial ideologies, the architectural achievements, and not to mention the <i>(continues on next page)</i>

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614.	Joseph Dunphy	Old Town, ME	<i>(continued from previous page)</i> incredible amount of theological and literary accomplishments. An educational institute being unable to provide the fundamental basics for which has shaped much of the modern world is nothing short but a representation of failure.
615.	Reginald Hannaford	Brunswick, ME	
616.	Melissa Carter	Old Town, ME	
617.	Erin Allingham	Durham, NC	These languages are fundamental to so many other disciplines considered "less obscure"--getting rid of them would imperil those as well, not to mention an important piece of Western cultural inheritance.
618.	Peggy Schaller	Macon, GA	There is more to life than money; our young people need to learn how to understand the world around them, and the classics are a critical part of this equation.
619.	Melissa McEwen	Lynchburg, VA	
620.	Mark Lister	New Orleans, LA	Keep our land grant university strong!
621.	Jessica Dwyer	Orono, ME	
622.	Perry Lewis	Eagle River, AK	
623.	nisreen firdosy	corona, CA	
624.	Jean Carubia	ny, NY	
625.	Lynne Hale	Ballston Lake, NY	The less we know about our roots, the less we know about ourselves.
626.	Bethany Burklund	Norman, OK	
627.	Brian Molloy	Orono, ME	I cannot overestimate how important my Latin and Greek language classes were for enhancing my liberal education at UM. They not only strengthened my command of English, but served to complement the classical history, literature, and philosophy courses I took at UM as an undergraduate. I am now a practicing attorney, and I am proud of my liberal education at UM. In light of the general evisceration of the Humanities curricula and faculty at UM, I think this would be a particularly grievous error.
628.	Marilyn Brusherd	Sugar Grove, IL	Classics is essential to a true education and an educational institution that does not have Classics has lost its compass.
629.	Harry Walker	Lewiston, ME	If you want your students to live as citizens in a free country, you cannot turn your back on the people who invented democracy and liberty.
630.	Anders Beal	Orono, ME	
631.	Albert Faust	Winterport, ME	
632.	Susan Edwards	Bangor, ME	
633.	Eric Smith	Bangor, ME	

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634.	Tina Tardiff	Orono, ME	
635.	Lawrence Allin	Norman, OK	
636.	Angela Nason	ME	
637.	Scott Edwards	Bangor, ME	I believe liberal arts should always include latin.
638.	Andreanna Smart	Bangor, ME	
639.	Maryanne Ward	Pittston, ME	Study of the classics is a way into ethical and moral education. Classical authors cared about how people lived.
640.	Thomas Lizotte	Dover-Foxcroft, ME	
641.	Rebecca Sinos	Amherst, MA	The study of Greek and Latin are one of the best options for a liberal arts education, teaching the analytic and interpretive skills that are useful throughout life. The literature and art of these cultures has become a universal language. It will impoverish students at the University of Maine to deprive them of this opportunity!
642.	Luca Grillo	Amherst, MA	classics and the teaching of Greek and Latin play a fundamental role in liberal education,
643.	Frederick Griffiths	Amherst, MA	A liberal arts program without Greek and Roman Classics has diminished credibility. Western culture, including Judaism and Christianity, cannot be well understood without knowing something about the ancient Mediterranean.
644.	Sheila Jans	Madawaska, ME	What's going on? Cutting the humanities is a shortsighted, uninnovative, uncreative, uninspiring, and completely stupid thing to do. Are you a leader? Not if you cut the humanities.
645.	Elizabeth Digeser	Santa Ynez, CA	We need the foundations of our civilization most when times are tough. Please rethink this short-sighted plan.
646.	Thomas Carlson	Santa Barbara, CA	
647.	David Blank	Los Angeles, CA	Cutting Latin and Greek, which are hardly expensive to offer, may seem the easy way out of a budget crunch, but you may find that the loss of these subjects, so central to our liberal education and culture, will greatly harm your entire university and its self-esteem.
648.	Thomas Sizgorich	Irvine, CA	If the teaching of such staples of the Humanities as Latin, Greek and ancient Mediterranean literature is of no value at UMaine, perhaps UMaine should reconsider calling itself a "university." Perhaps "trade college" or "vocational school" would be more appropriate?
649.	Caroline Schroeder	STOCKTON, CA	
650.	Willemien Otten	Chicago, IL	

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651.	Monica Orozco	GOLETA, CA	The thinking that the teaching of Latin and Greek is not relevant in a modern world, is misguided at best for a university. The Classics are an integral part of our cultural heritage and help us to recall many of the ideals and values upon which our nation was founded. Please reconsider this move.
652.	Margaret M Mitchell	Chicago, IL	
653.	David Konstan	Providence, RI	This is a time when enrollment in Classics programs is exceeding that in most modern languages; the renaissance is palpable, and is a token of recognition of the importance of the classics in anyone's education. It is shortsighted to eliminate such a department. I urge you to maintain classics, and with it the prestige of the University of Maine
654.	Amy Smith	LincolNville, ME	
655.	Jim Tschen Emmons	NEWBERG, OR	
656.	Daniel Bellum	IRVINE, CA	
657.	Robert Bregman	Toronto, Canada	This is an outrage Classics must continue! The University is the only hope for the survival of these languages.
658.	Andrew O'Brien	LINCOLNVILLE, ME	I started taking Latin classes in high school and continued taking them as electives in college. I have found Latin to be incredibly useful in understanding culture and linguistics. As an ESL instructor and language learner myself, I draw on the knowledge I acquired in Latin daily. I feel the University would be making a very big mistake if it were to eliminate the classics from its course offerings. - Rep Andy O'Brien
659.	James Hayden	ISLESBORO, ME	This idea is not a service to the people of the State of Maine. Dropping humanities such as Latin, Greek and likewise similar courses gives me cause to believe that the administrators of this school want to reduce it a for profit college that might as well be advertised on the back of a match book. I believe if we were to continue to operate this school without humanities perhaps the taxpayers of Maine would be better served to shut-down the University System and teach only service and hotel management in local community colleges. There comes a time when administrators must learn that education can't be judged by the bottom line but by the value of the arts for the soul of the individual and the ability to communicate. If you want to cut expenses shut down the pulp and paper programs. The mills are all closed anyway and we are only educating students that must leave the state for employment elsewhere. Take this idea back to SUNY Albany where it came from.

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660.	James Hankins	Cambridge, MA	When we lose contact with classical antiquity we lose a part of ourselves - Jacob Burckhardt
661.	Anne Knafl	Chicago, IL	
662.	Richard Hecht	Santa Barbara, CA	The study of classical languages, like Greek and Latin, is vital to our understanding of our past, present and future.
663.	nicole bregman	mountainside, NJ	
664.	Rebecca Bregman	Brooklyn, NY	
665.	Nada Sabanov	Osijek, Croatia	
666.	Donald Kagan	Hamden, CT	
667.	Peter Hoff	Carrollton, GA	I AGREE WITH THE SENTIMENT--BUT NO ONE HAS EXPLAINED HOW THIS CAN BE DONE. UNTIL YOU DO, IT IS EMPTY RHETORIC.
668.	Rachel Rier	Old Town, ME	
669.	Alton Robbins	bangor, ME	The classics are a very important part of our university, and they should not be abolished under any circumstances. .
670.	Robert Douglas Hedley	Cambridge, United Kingdom	
671.	Elizabeth Pelletier	Quincy, MA	
672.	Eric Clark	Milwaukie, OR	Libri Graecorum et Romanorum sententiarum bonarum pleni erant. And lessons as well.
673.	Matthew Dunlap	Old Town, ME	My path to being Secretary of State, through my services as a member of the Legislature and my previous professional career, all began with my studies at Maine in Roman Britain and Late Antiquity as well as Latin. Eliminating the classics will have the same effect as burning the Library at Alexandria--plenty of free parking if you ignore the void.
674.	Dean Barker	Andover, NH	