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LD 51

Senator Rafferty, Representative Brennan, and distinguished members of the committee, I am asking you today to vote ought to pass on LD51.

Hello, my name is Calioppe Murray-Trefts. I am 12 years old and in 7th grade. Since not being allowed to go to public school since 2021, I have lost all of my friends, have not been able to do sports for school, and have not been able to do things like band. While I was in public school, I was a grade higher in spelling, and I was really good at reading. Since being homeschooled, it has become harder to learn because it's not always hands on, and I don't have a teacher right there to help me. I have to do school online while my mom is at work.

I now have a lot of social anxiety because I am not used to being in crowds or around people. I didn't ever feel this way when I was in school.

My whole life I have always wanted to be in middle school and be able to use lockers. I have also wanted to go to school dances and be able to do school sports. Because of LD798, I have missed out on so many things and it makes me very sad to think about it.

I hope that I am able to have a chance to be in middle school. Two of my sisters have lost their high school experience, so I am hoping that I will be able to have mine.

I am asking you to please vote ought to pass on LD51.