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LD 51

Dear Senator Rafferty, Representative Brennan and esteemed members of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee,

I am testifying in SUPPORT of LD51, LD869, LD1098, LD1148, LD 1209 and LD 1228. My family has been greatly impacted since the removal of religious and philosophical exemptions. We went from a two-income household to a single income household so that I can stay home to educate and care for our 2 children. This was not our plan and has hurt us financially. It is devastating knowing that we are living in a state where not everyone has an equal opportunity to an education. Our roots are here in Maine, but we have made serious considerations to relocate to another state for a more promising future. I am in favor of these bills because they reinstate and support basic human rights to choose which medical interventions to undergo without coercion. Thank you for your time and consideration.