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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 LD 51. Due to the removal of religious and philosophical exemptions my 9 year old is now being educated in Mexico. The removal of exemptions is placing undue emotional, mental and financial hardship on my daughter and our family. I am separated from my child as I need to work in Maine and she cannot attend school here. As a US citizen and a resident of Maine, I believe it is my right to be able to follow my firmly held religious, spiritual and philosophical beliefs and that my rights of religious/philosophical freedom as well as parental rights be upheld by my government. I do not support or trust a government that believes they know more about what is healthy for my child than I do. Please reinstate religious and philosophical exemptions so that the children negatively impacted by LD798 may return to their rightful education.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Morgan-Binns