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Senator Rafferty, Representative Brennan, and Members of the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony today. My name is Judy Harrison Strong and I am a student with Riverside Adult Education. I have been a student since I couldn't go to my home school group anymore and I had to come to adult ed to still learn in an environment I feel comfortable in and my goal is to graduate high school.

I am here today to testify in support of **LD 1367 - An Act Regarding the Funding Formula for Adult Education**. Adult education is an important organization in Maine and it's time that the legislature made the move to fund it completely. I have a laptop and I can attend classes with the adult education flexible hours.

I came to adult education to basically help me learn in a classroom with students who understand where I'm coming from.

I have been working on Odysseyware learning Spanish, Math and I've been coming into class every Monday to learn about Geography.

If I do great in adult ed, I bet I would be able to speak Spanish and know more about Geography.

As you can see, Maine Adult Education is important to me. Without adult education, I would not have been able to learn Spanish, geography and graduate high school. Adult Education programs need to be fully funded to be able to help other learners with needs like mine.

Thank you for your time today.

Sincerely,
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