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Maine Parents' Rights in Education Maine  
LD 1735

Sorry, the previous one was a rough draft.  
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LD 1735 Ought Not To Pass  
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Senator Rafferty, Representative Brennan, and the distinguished members on the Committee of Education and Cultural Affairs, my name is Allen Sarvinas and I serve as director of Parents' Rights in Education Maine (PRE). We are a nonpartisan, non-profit 501 (c) (3) that advocates for parents' rights in education. PRE opposes LD 1735 based upon the lack of data and information that ensures the outcomes will not not be additional unintended consequences that disrupt the family unit.

The 14th Amendment of our United States Constitution protects a parent's right to direct the educational upbringing of their child. This right is as equally protected as a minor's right to mental health support, so for out-of-state parents, what is the procedure for providing due process while their child is in Maine's subpar Child Protective Services.

The number one common trend across successful education is the educational environment within the home. LD 1735 incentivizes a situation which immediately subverts and irrevocably harms the value of a child's education. This disrupted education most likely creates a lifelong dependence on the state from financial to health services.

How do our parents in New Hampshire feel about this legislation?

We must protect parents' rights in education and by doing so we are protecting our youth and empowering the number one contributor to a successful education. This legislation makes that task much harder forcing us to implore this esteemed committee vote Ought Not To Pass on LD 1735.