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LD 492

"Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to describe parental 18 rights that are reserved to the parent of a minor child and limit the 19 infringement of these rights by the State or a political subdivision of the 20 State?"

I wholeheartedly support LD 492.

It should not be necessary to specify this resolution in our constitution but we have seen outside influences overstepping into children's lives in a very dangerous way in Maine. No parent should be burdened with the fear of the state looking over their shoulder, through schools or any other organization, and judging the job they are doing as parents. State government is an entity in flux with changing administrations. The disparity between the two party political system and their ideologies and platforms in our country is vast and not a sound basis for a child's proper development and further puts them at risk. Children need consistency in order to thrive and to understand the world around them. Values and beliefs should only be taught in the home until such time that a child reaches a level of maturity and can protect themselves. In the instance of abuse or neglect children will be protected by the agencies we have in place. Additionally, the job of the school is to teach children to think, not to teach children what to think. Maine is not a safe place for families and children until this resolution is added to our constitution.