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LD 492

I am writing in full support of LD 492. Unfortunately, this is not the first time I've had to provide testimony in support of parental rights in the State of Maine. The legislation protects the rights of parents and their children, which should never be infringed upon. This too has been occurring in Maine and continues to as I write this today. Already has Maine taken away our right to choose for ourselves and our children. Even today, my children have no right to attend school in this discriminatory state. Our children are homeschooled due to the loss of our right to make religious, philosophical and medical choices for our family. Although our children would not return to Maine schools if their rights were restored, they would like the option to attend College in the state of Maine and not have to reside elsewhere. But, more and more the State of Maine has shown disregard for our freedoms, our ability to choose, and our right of bodily autonomy. It is sad that there is a need to submit legislation to protect these rights that already inherently exist. Yet, Maine has already voted these rights away with the enactment of LD 798. We are constantly hearing of Maine's "inclusivity," yet they are only 1 of 4 States in this Country that are discriminatory every day. This needs to end and LD 492 is only a small step in the right direction to get Maine back on track. For starters, we do not all follow the Allopathic medical community that has been forced upon us through mandated healthcare as well. Many Mainers use an Osteopath, Naturopath, Chiropractor, and/or a Homeopath. School is not a place for a medical facility anyway, as allopathic ways are not for all. A school nurse exists for a medical emergency while attending school, period. Beyond that is a complete infringement upon parental rights. Schools need to focus on the fundamentals of Education, period. Please protect and reinstate Parental Rights, thank you.