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I, Isabella Sullivan, fully support the passing of bill LD 895 - An Act to Support Immersive Outdoor Education by Establishing the Outdoor School for All Maine Students Program. As a childcare provider in the private sector, I have bore witness to the immense value that outdoor education provides for children. Children develop independent and critical thinking skills, fine motor skills, and a connection with nature that our society has been unfortunately drifting away from. Being outside nurtures children's creativity and curiosity that is so vital for their development. Outdoor education programs will not only benefit children in the day to day but also in the long run as they grow into active members of our society. With the passing of this bill, our children, families, and state will grow and benefit for years to come. Thank you for reviewing my testimony.