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LD 727

Good morning to all Representatives and Senators occupying seats within the Education and Cultural affairs committee,

My name is Toni Bashinsky and I reside in Topsham. I am writing testimony regarding LD727 and my support to repeal certain immunization requirements for schools.

There's probably not much else to say beyond what's been said thus far, but I want to show my support for this repeal anyway. Too many children have been disenfranchised by the immunization requirements for school and therefore I support the repeal of them. Inability to obtain a fair and equal education through the state hurts our children, causes undue stress for families, and frankly, is discriminatory. We cannot call ourselves the land of the free and home of the brave and then cast children aside based upon medical decisions made by families and their medical providers that I PROMISE are not made lightly. Just look at the enforcement of the COVID vaccine and how mandating it backfired and caused an onslaught of issues within our state and around the nation. We are better than this! Our state must do better for our children. I am asking that this repeal is voted as ought to pass so that some relief can be brought to families wishing to have their children return to private and public education so that they can receive the education they have a right to receive. Families should not need to choose between making medical decisions for their families and education.

Thank you for your time,
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