

Dear Senator Rafferty, Representative Murphy, and esteemed members of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee,

My name is Brooke Raven Pullen, and I am submitting testimony in strong support of **LD 217**, *An Act to Require Schools to Provide Access to Free Condoms for Students in Grades 9 to 12 in the School Nurse's Office*. I am a student in grade 10 at Messalonskee High School located in Oakland, Maine.

I support LD 217 because:

- It promotes safer sex.
- Makes it easier to access for students with unsafe parents.
- Can help reduce STDs.

I also request that committee members amend the bill to make it more equitable and impactful by changing the language to say that condoms can be accessed in the school nurse's office "or locations authorized by the school nurse."

I urge the Committee to vote YES on LD 217.

Thank you,
Brooke Raven Pullen