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To the Standing Members of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee,

My name is Marie Camillo, and I am a retired early education and outdoor educator. I am writing in support of LD 1543 Green Schools Network. As a former educator I have seen first hand the effectiveness of creating real-world learning opportunities by engaging students as integral members of their community through project-based outdoor learning. We need for students to have a working understanding of the environment through real-world hands on educations for their future and generations to come.

This bill would also save schools money by improving aging infrastructure through more energy efficient adaptations. It would also create a network for teachers to support and celebrate one another in implementing environmental education.

This bill would also help teachers succeed in delivering standards aligned curricula such as like NGSS and Wabanaki Studies-in an engaging, hands-on, interdisciplinary way.

Thank you for reading this letter and for your support of education in Maine. I hope you will work towards implementing this bill to ensure that all Maine students have the education they need for their future and the future of our planet.

Sincerely,  
Marie Camillo  
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