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LD 1248

Dear Honorable Members of the State Education and Cultural Affairs Committee,
My name is Dayna Klein and I am writing to advocate for REJECTING LD1248.
As a parent of a student with ADHD/Autism, I have spent my sins 13 years in Maine public school.

As I've come to understand the best way to help him manage his behavior, school officials physically punishing him and peers has only stripped their confidence, it has caused them to "turn off" to learning and instead interrupted their healthy relationships with both teachers and peers.

In the past 13 years, we've come to learn so much more about how to best meet the emotional, physical, and mental health needs of students and to put archaic physical punishment back in place will only serve to undermine any progress these children can make in a public school setting. It is with this in mind that I implore you to vote NO on this proposed legislation and instead provide more financial support to educators to teach them the new and highest quality training that will help them to better meet the needs the students in their care can benefit from.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration