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LD 1248

I am submitting my testimony for the public hearing on 4/23. I am against LD 1248. My daughter currently has a positive behavior support plan at school but does have self injurious behaviors (SIBs) and aggressions. She is 15, but neurologically and developmentally closer to an early elementary school child and I'm very concerned that this could lead to excessive restraints as well as seclusions. She will not understand or learn anything positive from this. It will likely only lead to fear, distrust and more negative behaviors. The schools are already lacking enough supports for the proper management of behaviors. I don't want this to be an easy out. This is a state problem that has not been properly addressed and their solution is to increase the potential suffering of our children as a result! We have been on the section 28 specialized waitlist for over 6 years and we are already suffering. Let this pain and suffering stop! As a parent of a special needs child, I beg you to hear both sides and consider what is in the best interest of supporting positive behaviors for our children without implementing additional suffering and trauma towards our kids.