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Testimony Against LD 1398 An Act Regarding Behavioral Health Support for Students in Public Schools

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

My name is Jon McGovern, I am a self-advocate, and I live in Bangor. I am also an employee of Speaking Up For Us, Maine's Self-Advocacy Network. I am against LD# 1398 An Act Regarding Behavioral Health Support for Students in Public Schools. This bill would take us backwards instead of taking us forward. Students should not be restrained. We need to provide teachers and school personnel with other tools and training to support students in the classroom and at school.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I ask you to vote ought not to pass.

Sincerely,

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