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I am the mother of a 6yo girl who was repeatedly sexually assaulted by a fellow classmate. Another 6yo. And the school and district kept the child not only in school, but in the same class after being made aware of the assaults. It wasn't until we met with the principal and demanded something be done that the child was removed from class. My daughter had to stare into the face of someone she was supposed to just be classmates with for several days because our school system has nothing in place for young offenders. Sexual assault can happen at any age and be committed by anyone of any age. And she wasn't the only victim. We have had to reassure her more than any parent ever should that this will not happen again at school. But how can we as parents say these reassurances with confidence if there is no change? All schools in the state of Maine should be required to have policies in place for offenders of any age. With the world we live in, we cannot assume that a child that young doesn't know how to commit such atrocity. This child knew what they were doing because they hid from teachers and held my daughter down and wouldn't let go until she gave in. A SIX YEAR OLD HELD DOWN MY SIX YEAR OLD AND SEXUALLY ASSAULTED HER ON THE PLAYGROUND AT SCHOOL AND NOTHING WAS DONE IMMEDIATELY BECAUSE THERE WERE NO POLICIES IN PLACE FOR SOMEONE THAT YOUNG. I want my anger to be heard and felt in that last sentence as I am outraged. Senator Hickman's Bill is not only justice for my daughter who was failed repeatedly, but justice for other children who this might be happening to that we don't know about. Or prevention for future acts. I pray this never happens to another child and that no parent ever goes through what we went through. But with this bill, we can see a change across Maine and students of all ages can face consequences for their heinous actions. Thank you for your time.