Senator Rafferty, Representative Brennan and members of the Education and Cultural affairs committee, my name is Heather Sprague I am a mother and grandmother from Cushing. I am speaking today in opposition to LD394.

I oppose giving school counselors and social workers more power to make decisions regarding the healthcare and welfare of our children. Keeping those decisions secret from the parent or guardian would violate the parents constitutional rights.

This would severely damage the sacred trust we have in our local schools. I wonder what will happen when parents start losing trust in our schools when they hear of secrets being kept from them.

I kindly ask on behalf of my family and many others who have asked me to write this that you please vote ought not pass to protect our children and parents constitutional rights.

Thank you for your time.

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