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Senator Rafferty, Representative Murphy, and other members of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee,

My name is Lindsey Hagan and I am a school counselor at Stevens Brook Elementary School in Bridgton Maine. I offer this testify in support of both LD 1203 : *An Act to Provide Grants to Schools That Contract for Behavioral and Mental Health Services and LD 858: An Act to Ensure Behavioral and Mental Health Services Are Available to Students by Providing Grants to Schools That Contract for Those Services.*

Being a school counselor has been a dream of mine. Helping students regulate emotions, learn about self esteem, be better humans, I can not think of a better job to have. Children are more vulnerable now and exposed to more than ever and having those supports in school are vital to the everyday educational system. Taking this away would be detrimental to so many individuals.

Thank you for taking the time to read this,  
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go so far you can't hear them anymore."- Michelle Ruiz