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To: The Education Committee re: LD 2192

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I'm Melissa McCue-McGrath of Kennebunk.

I spoke with victims in three counties who experienced abuse by the same school employee over two decades. He is not an isolated case.

Staff reported.

Kids reported.

Women reported.

Victims were interviewed.

School boards, administrators, HR directors, superintendents — were emailed. Everyone knew.

Collectively, the accounts are powerful. Individually, they were swept under the rug — isolating victims and revictimizing them with gaslighting: you're mistaken, it was a joke, be good... shhh.

Meanwhile, the employee moved on.

Under statute, districts can ask for and share complaints and investigations. Attorneys advise silence.

Lewiston's HR director called me when Kennebunk wouldn't share information. Not HR to HR. HR director to dog trainer in a different county.

I filed FOAAs for allegations. Lewiston filed one too. Attys didn't tell Lewiston, "You can request this directly," Legal firms directed districts into silence.

Kennebunk never disclosed what Lewiston needed to validate a victim who came forward. Portland's law firm stated complaints and investigations in schools are not part of the public's right to know.

That same law firm represents all three districts.

Optional is not protecting women, staff, or students. It protects institutions.

Instead of disclosure, districts say:

Nothing happened.

Be a good district.

Shhhh.

Personnel files remain exempt from the public under this bill. The bill requires disclosure of substantiated findings that impact the safety of educators, staff and students between DISTRICTS only.

Stonewalled trying to validate a student's topless photo on an administrator's phone, the AG's office told me: "of all governmental institutions in Maine, school districts are the least transparent."

Ew.

Optional disclosure protects predators. When choosing between victims or reputation, districts are advised by Drummond and Woodsum to protect themselves.

Victims in these schools?

Retired early.

Resigned.

Signed NDAs.

Stayed quiet.

He moves on.

For the Epstein of it all...Silence protects predators. Every time.

2192 gives Administrators the right to informed hiring ...like the next district.

Protects educators before hire as they are victims.

Validates victims.

Gives you the power to stop this egregious pattern.

A Kennebunk educator said: "I want to know what percentage of complaints by female educators were dismissed? In my experience -100%"

Another educator: "We need to stop being the Catholic Church and move problems along"

No more shhhh.

Pass this bill.

-Melissa McCue-McGrath, Kennebunk