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I am writing to offer my full support for LD 552. As a parent of a child with developmental disabilities, I attend IEP meetings regularly. They are often difficult to navigate for parents who are not special educators. Many parents attend these meetings without an advocate or an attorney, as they are costly. We face a group of special educators, directors, therapists, etc. who are knowledgeable but do not know our children as well as we do. Strengthening the IEP process by allowing a parent's voice to be heard and carry some weight in the process is necessary. Arguments made by special education directors that the process will slow down or be costly are unfounded and are merely a scare tactic. Please give parents a fighting chance to advocate for their children by passing LD 552.