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Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

Maine State Legislature

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Good afternoon Senator Rafferty, Representative Brennan, and Distinguished Members of the Committee.

Hello, my name is Taylor Hamilton, I am currently a junior at Maine Ocean School as well as an inaugural student. I applied to this school in hopes of changing my life for the better and I believe that is exactly what is happening. Growing up I had always had this love for learning, especially learning anything science related. This interest only grew over the years, but during that time I also realized that the school I was attending was not going to help me make my goals a reality. Then, in my final year of middle school, I was informed of an ocean based magnet school opening only 10 minutes away I knew I had to take that chance and now I've achieved more than I would have ever thought possible.

Here's a list of only a few things I have accomplished while being at MOS;; my social skills have improved tremendously, I've found found a love for sailing, I could talk for days about the environment, math at almost any level is now easy for me, I can read maps and chart, I've taken an early college course that actually helped me narrow my options for future college majors, and I learn new, valuable information about the world everyday . I don't think that I could have been given a better opportunity and I would take back a thing. I can only hope that future kids will be able to have the same wonderful Maine Ocean School experiences as I.

In conclusion, please vote in favor of LD 1389, so that future students may also benefit from the Maine Ocean School program as I have.

Thank You,  
Taylor Hamilton