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

Hi, my name is Ryan Ordelt, and I'm from the small town of Searsport.

At my previous School, Searsport, I had a lot of friends and good memories. Although I can't say anything bad or anything I dislike about Searsport or the teachers there, the reason I transferred to the Maine Ocean School was that they did not have a lot of hands-on learning experiences and or connections to the things I was interested in on the water.

The Maine Ocean School has helped and will continue to help me follow my passions in the ocean. This school is great for kids who need to be more hands-on and are willing to put in the work to be successful. This school gives students lots of connections and opportunities to get internships and can or will open students up to other job opportunities. The teachers at the Maine Ocean School do a great job preparing students for the real world whether they're going to college or going into the working field.

In conclusion, please vote for LD 1389 so that other students can have the opportunity to gain new experiences and have the opportunities that I have been so fortunate to have.

Thank you, Ryan Ordelt