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Good Morning, my name is Toni Bashinsky and I reside in Topsham. I am testifying in opposition of both LD 1426 - An Act To Provide for the Equitable Funding of Education Chosen by Maine Families and LD 1343 - An Act To Create Education Choices by Creating Education Savings Accounts for Maine Students. The purpose of homeschooling is to be independent from the government and school system. As a homeschooler, I pride myself on not needing or wanting anything from the government to make our schooling goals come to fruition. I do not want any monies allocated to my family because we homeschool. I do not want any taxpayer support. Homeschooling is our choice, and one we are proud of. The government intervening by providing monies does not align with the views of a homeschooler. Those views are sacred and need to be upheld and respected. Please remove any mention of homeschoolers from this bill text. Thank you, Toni Bashinsky