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Good morning Senator Rafferty, Representative Brennan, and members of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee. My name is Victoria Bucklin, and I am a homeschool teacher, parent, and grandparent who has witnessed the excellent results of homeschooling here in Maine. Please REMOVE HOMESCHOOLERS from the language of both LD 1343 and LD 1426. Numerous studies show that private home education is working well. Funding homeschoolers blurs the lines between private and public education, destroys the innovative spirit of the option, will be a breeding ground for fraud, and is bound to introduce into the home the very problems that plague our public schools.

Thank you for your protecting homeschooling in the State of Maine by removing homeschoolers from the language of LD 1343 and LD 1426.