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To the respected members of the Education and Cultural Affairs committee,

I am writing to you this evening to ask that you vote Ought Not to Pass on LD 1343 and LD 1426. There are many reasons these bills are problematic and I'm sure that many other testimonies will cover some of these other points. Most concerning to me, however, is that these bills should not include homeschoolers. Homeschool is unique and different from all other types of schooling, and therefore shouldn't be grouped into the same laws and regulations as the other types. Homeschool families in Maine thrive because Maine homeschool law supports freedom and individuality, and it has always protected and encouraged the integrity of the concept of homeschooling and the right of the parents, families, and students to have the freedom to do what is best.

Thank you for your consideration of an ought not to pass vote on both these bills.

Respectfully,
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