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Senator Rafferty, Representative Brennan and member of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee. My name is Beth Jones and I live in Dresden. It is my request that you remove homeschoolers from the language of LD 1426. As a homeschool mother of 3 it is my belief that homeschooling is a choice made by a family to participate in an educational modality that is outside of the scope of public funding. The government nor tax payers owe a debt of obligation to this choice.

To many other important issues require our limited public funds, particularly at this time. Additionally I believe you will firmly find the majority of homeschoolers are NOT requesting nor interested in acquiring these funds. Please put them to better use in providing better opportunities to public school students in Maine. Thank you.