I have homeschooled my children for 13 years and am now schooling my grandchildren. I've worked with many, many different homeschoolers since beginning homeschooling in 1984. As homeschoolers, we have paid for our own curriculum throughout the years. I enjoy the freedom to teach in a manner and using curriculum that works best for my students.

Please remove homeschoolers from LD 1343 and LD 1426. We want to keep the boundaries between homeschooling/private education distinctly separate from all forms/requirements/restrictions of public education. The current laws in place for homeschoolers, for which I fought for, have been working very well. We do not wish to make changes that could potentually cause the same kind of problems that we see in the public schools. I do not wish to be subjected to the demands of the government that will most surely result if these bills are passed.

Please leave us homeschoolers alone so we can continue to educate our students on our own without government interference.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read this email. Sincerely, Wanda Meisner Peru, ME