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To Whom It May Concern,

Please take away 'homeschoolers' and anything pertaining to homeschooling out of this bill. We do not want government funding and to be attached to what the government wants for us.

According to NHERI "The home-educated typically score 15 to 30 percentile points above public-school students on standardized academic achievement tests." also take into consideration this statistic: "78% of peer-reviewed studies on academic achievement show homeschool students perform statistically significantly better than those in institutional schools"

Thus, research has shown that homeschooling is a success and does not need government intervention.

The Maine government has proven itself as not always friendly toward homeschooling (ie. refusal to declare the annual homeschooling week) and at times not always fully truthful with us (ie. adding vaccines to schedules when we were told it would have to go through legislation). So please be understanding that many of us homeschooling families do not want to be a part of any bill that could potentially turn into something of a hardship and disappoint to our successful way of life.

Thank you.