Dear Education and Cultural Committee members,

As a new homeschooling parent, I am concerned with what seems to be regulation surrounding homeschooling in the language of LD 1343 and LD 1426. As you can imagine, many of us homeschooling families are doing this because we would like to freedom from excessive government intervention in our educating our children. My children are already a grade level beyond where they "should be," due to our efforts!

I am writing to request that you please remove homeschoolers from the language of both LD 1343 and LD 1426. 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 supporting this important issue for families in Maine,

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