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My name is Sara Rivard and I am a resident of Gorham. I am testifying in support of LD 96, LD156, LD 833, LD 1082 "ought to pass."

Children should not be removed from public, private, parochial, or online school because of their religious beliefs, their inability to attend medical visits due to covid, or their private medical decisions.

"My body, my choice" applies to all citizens. Punishing those who choose to exercise the right to make their own medical decision by removing them from educational opportunities is discrimination. Education has been proven to be the foundation of success for Mainers. Why would we make that opportunity harder to obtain for our most vulnerable citizens-our children?

Please vote "ought to pass."

Sincerely,

Dr. Sara Rivard