

Testimony of Abigail Hanson, Windham High School
In Support of LD 1679

Senator Daughtry, Representative Brennan and Esteemed members of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. My name is Abigail Hanson. I am a JMG student at Windham High School.

Today, I'm submitting testimony in the support of LD 1679. I want to thank the bill sponsors for your commitment to addressing childhood hunger in Maine. Personally, I've been stopped for not having enough money in my account to buy food. It's embarrassing to be told you can't get water or a fruit. I'm a part of a student body where hunger is a big issue and nobody has tried to help. From the kids who are too embarrassed or the kids who get made fun of, nobody has stuck up for them. I believe the legislation being presented would be an amazing legacy for Maine. This bill should be supported because we really need this for everyone who gets free lunches. Students will not feel different or get made fun of. Everyone would be equal and people with anxiety would worry less.

Thank you for your time.

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