

Tennille Moore
Bar Harbor
LD 1632

To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Tennille Moore and I live in the town of Bar Harbor. I am in support of LD 1632. I am a parent of a hard of hearing child that currently receives services from The Maine Educational Center for the Deaf or Hard of Hearing. My family has received support understanding the educational needs of my child and advocating for those needs from the Special Services of AOS 91.

It is time to revise the rules that govern MECDHH/GBSD and ensure that all children and all families no matter where they live in Maine, receive the support they need.

My son's hearing loss was not discovered until he failed his kindergarten screening and was referred to a pediatric audiologist. I was at a complete loss as to what this meant for him and his educational journey. Having an advocate from MECDHH for my son as we have navigated the Special Services department has meant the difference between him being tossed aside as another student with ADHD to being given what he needed within his regular education classroom to succeed and fill the gaps that we didn't even know he had. It is crucial that MECDHH providers remain on my child's IEP Team. I also firmly believe that living in such a rural state demands statewide services for all deaf or hard of hearing children regardless of where they live or how they communicate.

It is my hope that you will support this bill and continue to support Maine's Deaf and hard of hearing children. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of support in any way.

Sincerely,
Tennille Moore