Khalid Abdi **Portland Maine** LD 156 Testimony of khalid, King Middle School

In Support of LD 156

Senator Rafferty, Representative Brennan and esteemed members of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. My name is Khalid ). I am a resident of Portland and a grade 7 student at King Middle School.

Today, I'm submitting testimony in support of LD 156, "An Act to Require Outdoor Recess Time For Students From Grade 6 To Grade 8".

I personally think recess is important because it gives students space and it's sort of a relaxing space for students to chill off and take a break from work. It's also a time where students can meet up with their friends since they may not have each other in classes. For example, I don't have some of my friends in my class. This is why recess is a time for me to spend time with my friends and have fun.

Recess works just fine here in King and I think recess should be accessible for other students in different schools. I wouldn't want to be working the whole 7 hours of school with no break, so I feel very bad for students who don't have recess in their school.

In conclusion recess is very important and should be a thing in every school, it's a time where you can finally see your friends and have fun. It helps with anxiety and is very relaxing. The only time where I wouldn't want recess is when it's very very cold and raining. Thank you and goodbye.

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