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TO: Members of the Legislature's Education and Cultural Services Committee
FROM: Penelope (Penny) A. Morrell
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SUBJECT: L.D. 254, "An Act to Update the Sex Education and Consent Curriculum"

I oppose L.D. 254, "An Act to Update the Sex Education and Consent Curriculum."

First of all, no wording is posted on the Legislative website regarding the wording of the bill, so I am left to assume what the goal is of this legislation. That is very unprofessional of the sponsor and the entire legislative process. Maine citizens deserve better. We should not be left to take a position on this or any other bill without full disclosure of the intent and purposes.

That said, already too much taxpayer funding is spent on sex education in Maine. What is being fed to our students on this subject is not truth and is dangerous.

Everyone knows there are only two sexes, male and female. Anything else is shameful and not what students go to school to learn. Funds are better spent on reading, writing, and arithmetic. Leave the sex education to the family where it belongs. Parents are the ones who should be teaching sex education to their children in a safe loving environment where facts and purity are personified.

Those that lack relevant, inclusive sex education aren't the responsibility of the school and information is available elsewhere with government funded non-profits. Just another example of redundant services at taxpayer expense.

I urge this committee to vote L.D. 254 "ought not to pass."