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As a parent who also grew up in Appleton Maine as a child. I request that this bill be passed!

As a child my parents had full control over my upbringing. I was taught right from wrong, and all my medical, educational and spiritual needs were overseen by my parents, not the government! I was taught to discuss my opinions and my feeling with my parents, but at the end of the day, they (the responsible adults) made a judgement call that my not fully developed brain was not capable of making and understanding all the consequences too!

In recent years, government overreach has taken away parents constitutional, unalienable rights to care for and protect their children. The results of this have been horrific! We have children who thing they're the bosses, who don't listen to their parents (yet the parents are still responsible for negative consequences that come from the child's chosen actions). Drs and schools teaching our kids to keep secrets from their parents (which can be very dangerous!) What happens if a child gets a shot, or starts hormonal therapy without their parent knowing and reacts badly! Parent takes kid in and can't tell the drs treating the child about what could be causing the reaction! This can create life and death situations!

Maine has been violating our federal constitutional rights for years! (Like requiring vaccines for kids to go to school, and removing philosophical and religious exemptions and making medical exemptions almost impossible unless your kid almost dies!) Our kids have the right to a free and appropriate education! Not a free and appropriate education if they're vaccinated!

These are just a few examples of how the Maine government is stomping all over parental rights and responsibilities granted to us by the FEDERAL CONSTITIUION. Im calling on you all to make not only the right choice but the only choice and pass this amendment!