

**Testimony of (YOUR NAME), (YOUR SCHOOL OR ORGANIZATION)  
In Support of LD (LD #)**

Senator Daughtry, Representative Brennan and esteemed members of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. My name is (YOUR NAME). I am a resident of (TOWN) and the (TITLE) with (SCHOOL OR ORGANIZATION) serving (TOWNS where you work may be different from where you live and both are important to mention).

Today, I'm submitting testimony in support of LD (LD #). I want to thank the bill sponsors for your commitment to addressing childhood hunger in Maine.

*Start by making a personal connection to the issue that this bill is addressing. Tell a personal story and why it relates to the bill. Why is this bill important to you /your work/ your community?*

*Next, demonstrate your knowledge and understanding of the issue and why this bill would work for Maine.*

*Then talk about why Maine should be the leader on solving this issue, or if there are other states or countries that have solved this, give details on how they did so and emphasize that Maine should follow their good work.*

*Closing: reiterate that you want the committee to support this bill and why. Thank the co-chairs and committee for their time and commitment to Maine's children and let them know that you're happy to answer any questions they have.*

(NAME)

(TITLE, ORGANIZATION)