My name is Lynda Martin-McCormick. I am a grandmother of three children in the Portland Public Schools. I strongly support the passage of HB 2448.

HB 2448 is a critical step toward providing much-needed resources for students with high special needs. Lack of funding is preventing so many children from receiving much needed services. We know that early interventions with proven strategies lead to better outcomes for their education and overall well-being. HB 2448 is a building block for the overall increase in funding for education. My thanks to Rep. Neron for introducing it, and I urge the committee to work for its passage.