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100 State House Station
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Testimony in support of:

LD 659 “An Act to Promote Seamless and Flexible Home and Community Supports Across the Lifespan for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities or Autism”

Senator Baldacci Representative Meyer and members of the Health and Human Services Committee,

My name is Eric McVay and I live in Bangor and I am a self-advocate. I am here today to testify in support of LD 659 which would create a Lifespan waiver for folks with Developmental Disabilities. I think a Lifespan Waiver will create a lot more opportunities for us. It will also make it easier to access community supports and community activities.

I have a had a lot of issues being able to access services and the services I access have a cap. I think this Lifespan Waiver can help with the problems of services being capped because it will include a system to measure the needs of support, rather than having to fit into a system where you are capped for hours regardless of the need.

I strongly urge you to move ought to pass on this bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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