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I have worked in the field of Intellectual Disabilities for over 25 years, and have seen the positive and negative impacts of how funding and supports affect individual and family lives. It can create significant barriers to basic health and safety and it can provide opportunities for people to develop lives that offer significant feedback to their communities. The LifeSpan Wavier will replace Section 20, 21, and 29 of the Mainecare benefits and is a major factor in what will be available for supports in the future of children and adults in this state. Please consider making this rule major substantiative, peoples lives and futures depend on it. Give stakeholders an opportunity to have a voice in this process. Thank you.