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My son was born without hearing in his right ear and only hears through his left with the use of a hearing aid. He has been challenged all his life but has not faltered. Upon graduation from High School we thought he wouldn't have much trouble finding a job especially with the two years of vVocational training he had. Many doors have been shut on our Son simply because of his disability. He found the Union Apprenticeship program, completed the training, received his certifications and has now been hired at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. I do not fear discrimination against him will be an issue now that he is in a Union environment. People think Union workers get special rights when in fact they receive Hunan Rights. He will be treated like the human being that he is and we all are.

Please fund this program, it is beneficial for the workforce of Maine Thank you.