

March 17, 2025  
100 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

**Testimony in support of LD 834 “An Act to Update the State Supplement to Supplemental Security Income”**

Dear Senator Ingwerson, Representative Meyer, and members of the Health and Human Services Committee:

My name is Eric McVay. I am a self-advocate, and I live in Bangor. I’m a member of Speaking Up For Us, Maine’s Self-Advocacy Network for adults with developmental disabilities. I also represent Maine on a national self-advocacy organization called Self-Advocates Becoming Empowered. I am in support of LD 834 to increase the State Supplement to Supplemental Security Income.

I believe the state should increase this amount because people with disabilities are at an income disadvantage. I hope this will pave the way for increases down the road. Hopefully this will be the starting point for future increases down the road.

Social Security has made cost of living adjustments in recent years and the state should increase their portion to go along with cost of living increases.

I ask you to vote in favor of LD 834.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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