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 Georgia West and I live in Presque Isle, ME. I am a self-advocate and serve on the board of Speaking Up For Us. I am a person with a disability, and I think it is important to pass LD 834.

The cost of living has gone up. The amount contributed now doesn't get you anywhere. The price of groceries has gone up. I want to be able to save for future expenses such as vehicles, or emergencies when traveling.

I ask you to vote in favor of LD 834.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Georgia West Presque Isle, ME

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