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The Honorable Senator Ingwersen,
The Honorable Representative Meyer, and
Distinguished Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human
Services:

My name is Cory Reynolds, and I am writing to you today as an advocate for myself and other people with disabilities. I am here to express my strong support for LD 800, An Act to Fund the Provision of Advocacy Services to Persons with Disabilities, and LD 769, An Act Regarding Access to Behavioral Health Supports for Adults with Certain Disabilities.

As people with disabilities, we rely heavily on the funding provided by these programs to access essential services, including transportation to medical appointments and community programs like Living Innovations. Without this funding, we risk losing the support we need to thrive.

Not only do these programs benefit us, but they also enable us to give back to our communities. We volunteer our time to help the elderly, in the community, and clean-up the town with cleaning up bottles and trash. and support local organizations like the cat sanctuary. We also work hard in Special Olympics sports, and we take great pride in our accomplishments.

If this funding is not approved, the consequences will be far-reaching. and Elections has consequences. Not only will people with disabilities suffer, but the coordinators and support staff who work tirelessly on our behalf will also lose their jobs. This is particularly concerning given the current economic climate, where hospitals and businesses are already struggling to stay open.

I urge you to consider the long-term effects of your decision and the impact it will have on our lives. I implore you to vote Ought to Pass on both LD 769 and LD 800. We are counting on your support to ensure that we continue to receive the essential services we need to live fulfilling lives.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Cory Reynolds