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100 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Testimony in support of LD 840 “An Act to Modernize the State Supplement to Supplemental Security Income by Removing Marriage Disincentives”

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

My name is Mike Nealey and I live in Houlton, Maine. I am a self-advocate and am currently a member of Speaking Up For Us. I am testifying in support of LD 840 because those with disabilities that want to get married should not lose part or all of their income.

This bill is important to me because I know someone that lost a large portion of their income when they got married and if I decide to get married in the future, I will have to make my decision since I would lose a large portion of my income. If a couple with disabilities wants to get married it will inform them as to what their social security supplement will be.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony. I will be available to answer questions by email.

Sincerely,

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