

March 17, 2025
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 Reagan Boynton, I am a self-advocate, and I live in Millinocket. I am also a member of Speaking Up For Us, Maine's Self-Advocacy Network. I am in support of LD 840 to make SSI modern and remove the marriage penalty.

I think it is not right that people that don't live with a disability can get married and not have to worry about losing their income. It's unfair that just because I have a disability if I get married, I would be losing the income that I need. I have religious beliefs and grew up in a Christian home. I believe that fornication is wrong and have stood by that my whole life. Other Christians with disabilities believe the same that I do. Our beliefs are important. So is the right to get married. We should not have to choose between our beliefs or our relationship.

I ask you to vote in favor of LD 840.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Reegan Boynton
Millinocket, ME
reeganboynton3@icloud.com