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LD 840

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100 State House Station

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Testimony in support of LD 840 "An Act to Modernize the State Supplement to Supplemental Security Income by Removing the Marriage Penalty"

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

My name is Sarah Trites and I live in Sabattus. I am a self-advocate and serve on the Board of Speaking Up For Us.

I am in favor of LD 840. I think this bill would greatly help people who are on SSI. This could mean that people can marry who they want to and not lose money. I do know some stories of people who weren't able to get married in other states because of the marriage penalty.

This doesn't necessarily affect me directly, because I have just straight social security. However, have many friends and fellow self-advocates who have gone through this. This will greatly help them live the lives the way they choose to live.

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

Sincerely,

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