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Senator Henry Ingwersen, Chair
Representative Michele Meyer, Chair
Committee on Health and Human Services
Cross Office Building, Room 209
Augusta, Maine 04333

*Re: LD 800: An Act to Fund the Provision of Advocacy Services to
Persons with Intellectual Disabilities*

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

~~Explain why you are there:~~ I am here to testify in support of LD 800: An
Act to Fund the Provision of Advocacy Services to Persons with Intellectual
Disabilities.

~~Explain who you are:~~ My name is Carole Everitt and I live in Bangor in a
group home.

~~Share why you are an expert about the subject of this bill:~~

I have been disabled my whole life in many ways. I didn't always have the
support that I have now.

~~Share what you think about this bill:~~ I have been working with Mary
Green for years. I like working with Mary because she helps me by
attending team meetings, helped me to find a safe home, talking to my
providers and teaching me and my staff about my rights. Mary has always
been there for me, no questions asked. A lot of people judge me for my
decisions, but Mary always listens to me and makes me feel good that
finally someone hears what I have to say and supports my decisions, no
matter what. At one point, people were going to try and put me in a nursing

home. Because of Mary's help, I was able to find a group home that allows me to have more independence, freedom and less restrictions. This is literally life changing!! I feel so much safer because Mary is in my life and I am so much happier.

~~Share what you want the committee to do:~~ I urge you to vote in favor of LD 800.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carole Everitt