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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 Ingerswen, Representative Meyer, and Members of the Committee on Health and Human Services:

I am here to testify in support to LD 800: An Act to Fund the Provision of Advocacy Services to Persons with Intellectual Disabilities.

My name is Charlee Beaulieu I live in Franklin, and I am a self advocate Last year, After moving out of my guardians home, I called DRM to help me get out of my situation as my guardian was abusing her power. We went to Court to get the guardianship removed and won.

It is important to provide more funding for people like me or people who were in my situation because guardianship needs to be talked about. self advocates need to be represented, there needs to be a change in the system and that cant happen if we don't have support systems in place such as drm to help us speak up

I urge you to vote in favor of LD 800.

Respectfully Submitted, Charlee Beaulieu