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I am in favor of LD 800. Disability Rights Maine has helped increase voter rights, access to employment, and most importantly self respect and valued citizenship to people with disabilities. I myself as a self - advocate born with intellectual disabilities was supported and encouraged to be a POLL WORKER, at westbrook for the first time in my life. I had assumed that I was NOT allowed to be a poll worker because of my disability but with Disability Rights Maine I found I could and was one! Westbrook poll working team was fantastic! As a reminder over 20 years ago, 1 out of 5 people had a disability, NOW it's 1 out of 4. So with such an incredible amount of people to serve in our world, it is obvious, to increase funding to make access to services more available to more people in our great State of Maine.