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Testimony in Support of LD 1173 Resolve, to Establish a Group to Study the Laws Governing the Guardianship of Adults and Ongoing Parental Rights of Parents of Disabled Adults

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Jon McGovern, and I live in Bangor. I am a self-advocate, meaning I am a person who lives with a disability. I am also an employee of Speaking Up For Us, Maine's Self-Advocacy Network.

I am in support of LD# 1173 because it is important to look at this and how guardianship affects people with disabilities.

I would also like you to add a person with a disability to the membership group. It is important to include the voice of people with disabilities when you are talking about people with disabilities.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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