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100 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

Testimony in support of LD 263 Resolve, to Provide Rural Nonmedical Transportation Services to the Elderly and Adults with Disabilities Receiving Home and Community Benefits Under MaineCare

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

My name is Regina Bowie I am a self-advocate, and I live in Presque Isle. I am also a member of Speaking Up For Us, Maine's Self-Advocacy Network. I am in support of LD 263 to Provide Rural Nonmedical Transportation Services to the Elderly and Adults with Disabilities Receiving Home and Community Benefits Under MaineCare.

I am in support of LD# 263 because it is a good idea in the most isolated area ideas on how to transport themselves. Those that live in the most isolated areas need help with transportation no matter how small the population is.

People in those isolated areas do need transportation and it is not good for their mental health to be without options to get places.

I ask you to vote in favor of LD 263.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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