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LD 782

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100 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Testimony in support of LD 782 "An Act to Amend MaineCare Financial Eligibility Requirements"

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

My name is Regina Bowie, and I live in Presque Isle, Maine. I am a self-advocate and member of Speaking Up For Us. I am also a current board member of the Maine Developmental Disabilities Council. I am testifying in support of LD 782 because it is important to increase the assets and income that people living with disabilities can earn.

This bill increases the asset from 100% to 138%, which will allow people to have more money in assets. It will help me be able to save more money for what I need. I currently rely on social security to keep my bills paid. I have been working on starting an online business. It may take years to get established, so I still have to rely on my disability until I can earn a steady, livable income from it. Having higher asset limits will help me be able to work on this business as well.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony. I will be available to answer questions.

Sincerely,
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