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

I am in support of LD 782.

My name is Stephanie Pelletier and I live in Fort Kent. I am a Self Advocate. A Self-Advocate means you can advocate for yourself and for others who can't speak for themselves. I became involved with Speaking Up For Us, by my husband Kile who introduced me to it.

I think you should raise the asset limit because we deserve to be able to save money like every other person without a disability. We have the right to live our life without getting penalized. I worry about saving money to have a child because of the asset limit- I don't know how I would save money for clothes, diapers, wipes, etc.

I also know that I am worried I could lose my benefits from having too many assets. I need by MaineCare benefits so that I can get the services I need to be in my community.

I urge you to vote in favor for LD 782 so my family can save for the future.

Sincerely,

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