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LD 1606

Re: LD 1606 An Act to Require Data Collection and Major Substantive Rulemaking for the Lifespan Waiver Providing Home and Community-based Services for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, Autism Spectrum Disorder or Other Related Conditions

Senator Ingwerson, Representative Meyer and distinguished, members of Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services

My name is Cathryn Cone-Sabo and I live in Saco. I am writing in support of my friend Diane Boas who lives in Cape Elizabeth and is the mother and guardian of my 33-yr old man who has a dual diagnosis of intellectual disability and a mental health disorder and lives in a group home in South Portland. I am testifying in favor LD 1606.

I respectfully urge you to support LD 1606. With legislative oversight, data collection, and stakeholder engagement, the Lifespan Waiver has a chance to fulfill its promise. But without those guardrails, it risks doing more harm than good.

Sincerely,
Cathryn Cone-Sabo