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**Testimony in Support of 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**

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

My name is Jon McGovern, I am a self-advocate, and I live in Bangor. I am also an employee of Speaking Up For Us, Maine's Self-Advocacy Network. I am in support of 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 because I think the data needs to be looked at including the unmet needs of individuals. The data will provide answers as to what needs are not being met, and it is important to have honesty in what needs are not being met. I want to go forward and not backwards. Data is important to plan for the future and to see where we need to make changes.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I ask you to vote in support of LD 1606

Sincerely,

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