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My name is Christina Bourdeaux. My husband and I have an adult son with an intellectual disability who lives at home with us. Our son is 29 years old, I am 67 and my husband 60. Our gravest concern at this point in our lives is a supported home for our son after we pass. The State of Maine DHHS has closed many and is still closing group homes and turning to their preferred model of Shared Living (Adult Foster Care). Though living with a family may be a good choice for some, being with peers in a small supported group home can be far more of a perfect fit for many. Our son would choose the latter.

Our son receives services through the Section 29 waiver, he is not eligible for Section 21.

The Lifespan Waiver intends to address the care and support of this vulnerable population. For our son and all citizens of Maine who are vulnerable and have intellectual disabilities, I implore you to support and pass LD 1606; it will give vital ongoing oversight of the Lifespan Waiver.