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100 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Testimony in Support of LD 2021 An Act to Add an Online Option for Reporting of Suspected Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of Adults

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

My name is Jon McGovern and I live in Bangor. I am a self-advocate, meaning I am a person who lives with a disability. I am also an employee of Speaking Up For Us, Maine's Self-Advocacy Network.

I am in support of LD# 2021 because I would like people to be able to have the option to report something either online or by phone. Sometimes people are in unsafe situations and need to report something and doing it online means no one can hear them. This means a person can report from a public computer or other location where they feel safe to report something that is happening to them or someone else. Sometimes people with disabilities know that things are not right at home or somewhere else that they are and giving them the option to report an unsafe situation online provides them a voice.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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