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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 Eric McVay, and I live in Bangor I am a self-advocate, meaning I am a person who lives with a disability. I am also a member of Speaking Up For Us, Maine's Self-Advocacy Network. I also participate in other self-advocacy organizations. I am self-advocacy faculty for the Maine Lend Program.

I am in support of LD# 2021 because I feel like it's important for people to have an extra tool in the toolbox for people who have been a victim of abuse, sexual assault or exploitation. For people with intellectual disabilities, I know statistically they are more likely to be abused, be victims of sexual assault and exploitation. Having this tool gives people another option to report this without the fear of retribution and retaliation.

For victims of abuse, neglect and exploitation this is a tool that can be used to report it without the fear of retribution and would be very beneficial.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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