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100 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Testimony in Support of LD 1932 An Act to Support Essential Support Workers and Enhance Workforce Development

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# 1932 because I know in recent years for provid agencies to hire and retain staff. Many of the issues are because of lower wages in the past. I think this bill will go a long way to allow provider agencies to hire, train, retain staff and maintain staffing levels. And this will also provide individuals with the opportunity to make this a career opportunity

I would urge an ought to pass on this bill. It would be beneficial for people with disabilities for agencies to hire and retain staff.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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