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100 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Testimony Against LD 2065 An Act to Provide One-time Funds to Support the Construction of a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility for At-risk Youth

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 against LD# 2065 because I don't want it to feel like we are going backwards in building an institution like setting. People, including youth, should be cared for and taken care of in their communities. I would prefer to see the money used for this to go towards providing greater services to young people in their communities.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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