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Esteemed Committee Members,

My name is Ron Greco and I run Moose Maine Kids. MMK is a 501c3 non-profit with a sole goal of increasing youth participation rates in traditional outdoor activities like hunting and fishing. We strongly support LD 2052.

My testimony today is going to be excerpts from the families that contacted me in the past weekend to sign up their kids for a dream adventure through Moose Maine Kids. This was just this past weekend!

1. was born with Rett Syndrome. She is a spunky girl despite her different abilities. She is non mobile and non verbal. Though with her expressions and eyes, she speaks volumes. We truly hope to hear from you. Thank you for all you do 🙏
2. ADCY5 Dyskinesia. This is a little hard for me to explain. It is a rare genetic disorder that impairs the ability to control your arms, legs and face muscles. This often results in erratic twitching and/or inability to control movements. Basically, not able to stand or move from location to location without support among other. Simple tasks like eating can be challenging.
3. has epilepsy and he has ataxia, his gene mutation is cacna1a, a very rare form of epilepsy and his form and strain only has a 113 people known in the USA, he is a very special young man and loves the outdoors, thank you.
4. was born with a cancerous tumor on his spine which resulted in permanent paralysis from the waist down. Kellan is an avid outdoorsman and loves to fish and hunt. So far, he has harvested a snowshoe hare on his 8th birthday and two turkeys with one shot on Maine Youth Day. He has harvested 6 grouse while hunting in Upper Enchanted the past few years. He likes to squirrel hunt as well. His bucket list for hunting and fishing would be to harvest a bull moose, obtain a Maine Grand Slam and Elk hunt in Colorado and striper fishing!-

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5. Cerebel palsy - Children with CP exhibit a wide variety of symptoms, including:

- Lack of muscle coordination when performing voluntary movements (ataxia)
- Stiff or tight muscles and exaggerated reflexes (spasticity)
- Weakness in one or more arm or leg
- Walking on the toes, a crouched gait, or a “scissored” gait
- Variations in muscle tone, either too stiff or too floppy
- Shaking (tremor) or random involuntary movements
- Delays in reaching motor skill milestones
- Difficulty with precise movements such as writing or buttoning a shirt

This particular child is wheelchair bound.

I want to remind you these are the kids that submitted just in the past weekend. They are all from Maine and all just want to do normal things.

Thank you for your time!

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