

March 17, 2025
100 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Testimony in support of LD 834 “An Act to Update the State Supplement to Supplemental Security Income”

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

My name is Jon McGovern, I am a self-advocate, and I live in Bangor. I am also an employee of Speaking Up For Us, Maine’s Self-Advocacy Network. I am in support of LD 834 to increase the State Supplement to Supplemental Security Income.

Increasing the amount of the State Supplement would help people like me and the cost of living. This would help me and others to be able to pay our bills, be out in the community, use it towards transportation, and purchase items that we need. For many of us it would help us become more independent and not have to rely on others in our lives.

I ask you to vote in favor of LD 834.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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