

March 17, 2025

*Re: LD 834: An Act to Update the State Supplement to Supplemental Security Income.*

Dear Senator Ingerswen, Representative Meyer, and Members of the Committee on Health and Human Services:

I am here to testify in support of LD 834: An Act to Update the State Supplement to Supplemental Security Income.

My name is Stephanie Pelletier and I live in Fort Kent. I am a Self Advocate. A Self-Advocate means you can advocate for yourself and for others who can't speak for themselves. I became involved with Speaking Up For Us, by my husband Kile who introduced me to it.

I think you should raise the asset limit because we deserve to be able to save money like every other person without a disability. We have the right to live our life without getting penalized. I worry about saving money to have a child because of the asset limit- I don't know how I would save money for clothes, diapers, wipes, etc.

I urge you to vote in favor for LD 834 so my family can save for the future.

Thank you.