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Senator Henry Ingwersen, Chair
Representative Michele Meyer, Chair
Committee on Health and Human Services
Cross Office Building, Room 209
Augusta, Maine 04333

*Re: LD 800: An Act to Fund the Provision of Advocacy Services to
Persons with Intellectual Disabilities*

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

I am here to testify in support of LD 800: An Act to Fund the Provision of
Advocacy Services to Persons with Intellectual Disabilities.

My name is Carole Everitt and I live in Bangor in a group home.

I have been disabled my whole life in many ways. I didn't always have the
support that I have now.

I have been working with Mary Green for years. I like working with Mary
because she helps me by attending team meetings, helped me to find a
safe home, talking to my providers and teaching me and my staff about my
rights. Mary has always been there for me, no questions asked. A lot of
people judge me for my decisions, but Mary always listens to me and
makes me feel good that finally someone hears what I have to say and
supports my decisions, no matter what. At one point, people were going to
try and put me in a nursing home. Because of Mary's help, I was able to
find a group home that allows me to have more independence, freedom
and less restrictions. This is literally life changing!! I feel so much safer
because Mary is in my life and I am so much happier.

I urge you to vote in favor of LD 800.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carole Everitt