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

My name is Jon McGovern, and I am here today to testify in support of LD 800. I am a self-advocate, a member of Speaking Up for Us, and I live in Bangor.

I support this bill because Disability Rights Maine (DRM) is where I send other self-advocates when they have a problem. It is the first place I tell them to go if they have a rights violation. I want people to get the right information instead of the wrong information. When I have shared DRM with other self-advocates, they have come back and thanked me. They told me they wouldn't have thought about it on their own, but it helped them.

I want more people to have access to DRM's services, and this bill would help make that happen. That's why I urge you to vote in favor of LD 800.

Sincerely,

Jon McGovern