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100 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Testimony in support of:

LD 988 "Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Conduct an Accessibility Study of All Maine State Parks and Historic Sites and to Develop a Plan to Remove Access Barriers"

Senator Ingwersen, Representative Pluecker, and members of the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry,

My name is Robbie Garland and I live in Danforth. I am a self-advocate I want you to know that I support LD 988. The bill is important to me because I have lived experience with this issue concerning park accessibility.

I have tried to communicate with the town office, and they pointed me to the superintendent of the Rec Center, I was told that the issue would be discussed at the council meeting and would get to back me, however, they did not. I enjoy parks for my recreation as do the others in my program frequently. This Bill is important because I would like to see that the animals, such as service animals, that are getting exercise have an area to get a drink. I think it is important to have safe trails to walk so more natural wildlife can be enjoyed.

I would ask the committee to pass LD 988.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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