

March 17, 2023

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 Eric McVay. I live in Bangor and I am a self-advocate. I am here today in support of LD 988. I support this bill because I think it is a great idea to have a feasibility study about accessibility at state parks.

My support staff has a friend who has been working to make trails more accessible for people with disabilities to use. He has done a lot of mapping and other work. And I think it makes sense that state parks and other historic sites should also be made accessible. I think that people with disabilities should be able to use these parks too and we need to make it accessible for them.

I would urge an ought to pass on this bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Eric McVay
Bangor, ME
ericdonald240@gmail.com