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I am submitting a written testimony on honor of my son Bentley Chase who has cerebral palsy. this is an opportunity that would give Bentley the chance to do what he has always wanted to participate in and admires his grandfather doing every year! Bentley in limited any his mobility and abilities due to his diagnosis and it is bills like this that would give children like my son the ability to use their abilities to be kids and perform in things other who are able bodied can do with out hesitation and not feel limited by their disabilities even if just for a day. These are often once in a life time memories for children with disabilities or terminal illnesses. Maine doesn't offer many if any opportunities for children in these situations and often the opportunities that do arise are for those who our terminal. I would have preferred to testify in person how ever my son is having a major surgery tomorrow so timing wasn't in our favor and I felt it pulling on my heart to be sure I submitted something in favor of this bill and all of the opportunities it could provide to children in maine to make core memories they wouldn't otherwise be able to have while being outdoors and connecting with nature.