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Testimony in Support of LD 1173 Resolve, to Establish a Group to Study the Laws Governing the Guardianship of Adults and Ongoing Parental Rights of Parents of Disabled Adults

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Regina Bowie, and I live in Presque Isle. I am a self-advocate, meaning I am a person who lives with a disability. I am also a member of Speaking Up For Us, Maine's Self-Advocacy Network.

I am in support of LD# 1173 that even though I am my own guardian I am in a relationship with my fiancé who is under guardianship, and I find it very restrictive.

I think it would also be important for you to include someone with lived experience on the membership group. Someone with guardianship to share how this affects their life.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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