**PLEASE SUPPORT THE RECALL OF BILL LD 852**

Your Name

Address…………..

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Dear (name of your Senator or Representative)

**RECALL LD 852: Resolve, To Establish a Task Force To Study the Coordination of Services and Expansion of Educational Programs for Young Adults with Disabilities**

I am writing to you as a …….(person with autism or other disability, parent, grandparent, friend, guardian, teacher, social worker, concerned community member, etc)

This bill is very important to me because…………(your reason e.g. I have a 21 year old son with autism who has aged out of school and is sitting home alone with nothing to do, or, I am a 23 year old young man who graduated from High School and no further education or training is available to me, etc.)

LD 852 seeks to assess and address the CLIFF- the fate of thousands of post secondary young adults in Maine who so often remain “home alone” with few social or educational opportunities; they often psychologically regress and, notably in rural areas, are unable to find work, make friends, or gain fulfilling connections within their communities. A report by ME DHHS, and ME Dept. of Education, states: “the crest of the epidemic of individuals with autism is now reaching adulthood, implying the need for significant changes in our adult services system”. The 2017 report states that “the number of individuals with autism has increased 1,019% since the year 2000” (in Maine).

Currently the civil rights of this group are being significantly neglected after high school.  Bill LD 852 addresses these issues. As your constituent in (name of your town and County) I am requesting that you give your full support to LD 852. Please contact me if you have any questions at (phone number and email)

Thank you in advance.

Sincerely

Signature

Name Date