

Hello, my name is Randy Hillman, from Brewer, and my good friend, Brandon Clukey from Bangor, is on the Section 18 Brain Injury Waiver waitlist. He has Traumatic Brain Injury as a result of an accident when he was nine years old, he is now 32. What started out as just a casual friendship with a person, that just happened to take the same bus in the morning as I did, has become most likely a lifelong friendship. Before knowing Brandon, I had no idea what Mainecare was or Sections or would even comprehend that people with disabilities, no matter what the diagnosis, had to struggle for services that, to me, was just common sense. However, there are waiting lists and these waiting lists have a profound ripple effect on the “unable”, as Brandon puts it, as well as the caregivers and society. So here I am, making a plea to end waiting lists that common sense would dictate should not even exist. Please, I urge you to support LD-1984, An Act To Eliminate Waiting Lists for Home and Community-based Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities, Autism, Brain Injury and Other Related Conditions.

Sincerely,

Randy Hillman and Brandon Clukey