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I am for the passing of this Bill. I have this position because I feel it is a true injustice that the patient and or their family must undergo the useless stress that this causes. As a patient of a terminal illness life is hard enough. The fear of all the pain and possible death that could accrue before this wait period is over.

Once that is diagnosed by a Dr. as a terminal life disease then it should be an automatic qualification. I am a very passionate and strong supporter of the DWD in Maine and feel it should be a worldwide right. To watch a human being basically rot to death is utterly disgusting. None should have to endure that kind of pain and suffering.

I have had many people recently in my life battle and most lose the sad battle of Cancer. I watched my best friend's battle stage 4 Lung Cancer and with much help beat the battle. 4 months later his wife my "adopted Mother" was diagnosed with stage 4 throat Cancer. They moved to Florida because that's where this trial that was supposed to be the answer was, so they packed up and left Maine. I spent a lot of time back and forth trying to help, watching her literally wither away to nothing. In ungodly pain, on way too many pain meds and other medications. It was so sad; I brought her home for her last summer in hopes she would utilize the DWD, but she ended up going back to FL. She only lived a few more painful months.

Shortly after and I mean like 2 months I got the call from my true Mother telling me she were testing her for lung cancer. My world was devastated. My life giver my everything was just diagnosed with the worst way for anyone to possibly have to die. Even the fight if you win is painstakingly awful. She was later told to have Small Cell extensive lung cancer which is death sentence. After watching all I had in the past 4 years the first discussion I had with her and my family was the Death with Dignity Act. I explained there was NO WAY I was letting her suffer like that. She agreed, fought through treatment to only say one day she couldn't take the pain, my heart was crushed. I called her team of Dr's told them it was time and she's really hoping it can be today. They were so great and accommodating and made it happen. The Dr. showed up and the drink the family gathered around while a few of us helped her drink her drink and within minutes her pain and suffering was finally over. It was so fast and peaceful unlike the brutal body thrashing and gasping for air I have witnessed in the past without this Law. Please for all Human life Pass this Bill. Thanks,

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