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Before I moved to Maine I worked at an agency that included a 27/7 hotline. I trained volunteers to answer this line. I believe that a person does have a right to commit suicide, maybe a fatal disease, their mind is made up. However if a person calls a crisis line, their mind is NOT made up. It was our role to listen, to stand for life and to help the person find a way to continue. I KNOW we saved lives. Of course we cannot prove we saved them all, but I am very sure that had we not been there, in the middle of the night or the crack of dawn, many of them would have completed their suicides. I am writing in strong support of LD 1216 and 988.