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As a public health professional with a Dr.P.H. degree and 55 years of experience, the last twenty five in Maine, I speak in support of LD 2154. My Maine experience includes helping build the district public health system while I was a staff member of the Maine CDC and participating in several state health planning exercises. I continue to be on the Executive Committee of the York District Public Health Council. I eagerly accepted an invitation to join the HealthInfoNet Board almost nine years ago because I have always thought that public health data should have a substantial role in personal as well as population health care and thus welcomed an opportunity to help bring that about through HIN's powerful and dynamic medical records interoperability capability. Naturally, I was thrilled when Medicaid recognized the value of HealthInfoNet's uniquely broad and deep patient data base and its near universal use by the medical care system. I will be terming off the HIN Board this year but deeply hope I will leave with HIN fully institutionalized in its natural home, a home in which medical and public health data live together for the substantial benefit of the people of Maine.