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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen, I am writing in support of legislation that provides Maine residents likely to die within six months as many options as possible to control the timing and manner in which they die, including medically assisted death. I hold strong views that for myself I hope to have as many options available to me as possible, for as long as possible as I face death. These views have been shaped by my experience as a hospice volunteer for several years in Brunswick and my experience with my parents as they faced end of life issues and decisions. I was not as helpful or involved with them in helping to clarify and communicate their thoughts to the medical community as I would have liked and I regret that. As long as a patient has legal capacity to make his or her own decisions I see no reason for a waiting period longer than 24 hours. Inherent in the process is the time required for the pharmacy to order and prepare the required medication. Steve Hyde, Falmouth