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To the members of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee;
My name is Cushman Anthony, and I live in Yarmouth. I have been before you several times in the past on various bills. I was the House Chair of the Select Committee on Corrections, the predecessor committee, from 1988 to 1992. I am writing to support passage of LD 476.

I am aware that there are many quite elderly inmates in our correctional facility. As they age, many become in need of significant care in dealing with their health. It is unreasonable to let them simply get worse and ultimately die without receiving the care they need. To do so requires developing specialized and licensed long-term care services within the Department of Corrections, or place these folks in community-based existing long term facilities.

It is our legal and moral obligation to do so. Please vote ought to pass on this bill.
Thank you.