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Senator Deschambault, Representative Warren and Honorable members of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee,

My name is Geoffrey Reese and I am currently at the Maine State Prison in Warren. I support the language and intent of LD 476 An Act to Provide Licensed Assisted Living and Nursing Facilities Levels of Care for Incarcerated Persons.

The bill provides for the assessment of the medical and social needs of prisoners using the eligibility assessment required by MaineCare, and requires the Maine Department of Corrections to work with agency partners to develop licensed assisted living and nursing facilities level of care for residents in the care of MDOC.

The MDOC has an existing policy 27.2 Supervised Community Confinement, Procedure I that provides guidance on the permitted community confinement of a terminally ill or severely incapacitated prisoner. In short the language of this established policy allows for eligible residents to receive hospice services and nursing care in the community perfectly coinciding with the bill's provisions.

I am not terminally ill, nor do I have a severely incapacitating medical condition so I am highly doubtful that I'd personally utilize or benefit from this bill and only express my support from a rational opinion and informed perspective and as a resident of MSP.

Thank-you for your attention and consideration.

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