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Friends, thank you for allowing me to give testimony today on L.D. 172 An Act To Improve Prescription Information Access.

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When the world is just too much with me like

When fleece lined gloves are more more about the fleecing,  
When the news is not about the facts but about the screech,  
When it feels like being over 70 is a recipe for cold storage,

Then I like to think that I am part of a rather select group, the BaVIP<sup>000</sup>;

Some illustrious persons share membership in this group and I count myself lucky to be in their company,

People such as...

Homer, who wrote a verse or two,  
Ray Charles, who is known to beat a great jazz rhythm, or even,  
Aldous Huxley... afternoon tea with him would be momentous

To be a member of **\*\*the blind and visually impaired persons \*\***group, BaVIP, is no walk in the park.... most of the time we'd trip. But it is livable, and we learn to cope. Some of us even do rather well.

But one of the difficult things to understand, and maybe even more difficult to find ways to cope with, is a very small but immensely troubling reality.

Many in the BaVIP community take eyedrops, but you know that. Many in the BaVIP community take several different eye drops several times a day, and you might know that.

But all those drops all come from tiny little bottles in indistinguishable pastel colors with instructions written in five point font. Even sighted people can't read the labels.

It's more like eye drop roulette with some pretty blinding consequences.

But adding a pharmacy generated QR code to the container, or to the box, or to the ever present unreadable associated paper work could bring light to the situation.

A QR code is readable by a smart phone. The smart phone can then display, or even read the content to the blind and visually impaired person - or any senior citizen for that matter who is challenged by unreadable type for life preserving medicines. This is not new technology, this is not hyperbole. This is using existing technology for a determined purpose.

We live in Maine, and thank you for your service to this great state. I would love to be a part of the legislature again, but legal blindness and 14 eye surgeries have determined a different path for me.

We live in Maine, the oldest state in the union. As leaders, can we do something to make life easier for such a substantial portion of our population?

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"We have two ears and one tongue so that we would listen more and talk less."  
Diogenes