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To Members of the Health and Human Services Committee

Regarding L.D. 1064

**“An Act To Advance Palliative Care Utilization in the State  
April 1, 2021**

Sen. Claxton, Rep. Meyer, and members of the Health and Human Services Committee thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today. I’m Penny Morrell, State Director of Concerned Women for America of Maine, speaking for Concerned Women for America LAC.

Concerned Women for America (CWA) is the largest public policy women’s organization in the nation, with hundreds of thousands of members across the country. I am here today in support of LD 1064.

David Clark, professor and founder of the Glasgow End of Life Studies Group, said this of palliative care: “Most people who have a life-threatening condition can benefit from palliative care, whether or not they are having active treatment. Palliative care helps with personal, social, and medical problems associated with potentially mortal illness, especially pain and other distressing symptoms. It assists families and carers (caregivers) and supports them in bereavement. It uses skilled approaches from a trained team, but often involves friends, family members, and the wider community. Palliative care improves wellbeing, and in some instances has even been shown to extend life”.

I urge this committee to vote L.D. 1064 “ought to pass.”