

March 6, 2017

Health & Human Services Committee
Attn: Bill LD 347
c/o Legislative Information Office
100 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Senator Brakey, Representative Hymanson, and members of the Health & Human Services Committee,

My name is Eva Thompson and I live in Camden, Maine. As a cancer patient with incurable disease, I would like to express my strong support for LD 347, An Act to Support Death with Dignity.

Dying young is **not** my choice: I would like nothing more than to live to see my grandson learn to walk and talk! There is nothing I can do about the situation I'm in, but it would be a huge relief to know that I have some control over how the ending goes. I will know when I have suffered enough. It should be my choice to die quickly and painlessly when I decide the time is right.

Please support LD 347 and let individual Mainers make their own decisions.

With my sincere thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rev. Eva Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rev. Eva Thompson, Camden