

Statement of Michael H. Michaud  
Maine Hospice Council and Home Care Alliance  
Blaine House Tea  
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Dear Friends,

I'm sorry I can't be with you today as you recognize Hospice and Home Care volunteers and professionals at the Maine Hospice Council/Home Care and Hospice Alliance Blaine House Tea, yet I want to thank you for all the wonderful work you do.

For over twenty years, Maine Hospice has led the way toward compassionate care for those at the end of their lives. As you know, it was not that long ago when most people found it hard to even talk about death and dying.

Now, thanks to the work you all have done, so many patients and their families are able to find support, caring, dignity and peace during the process of dying.

Today, as we honor the many dedicated volunteers and professionals providing care and support to individuals and families throughout Maine, I also want to thank Attorney General Steve Rowe for his thoughtful leadership and interest in what people and communities are saying about end of life care and related issues.

Once again, thank you for all your hard work and compassion for Maine people.

With warm regards,

Michael H. Michaud  
Member of Congress