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Dear Friend,

Thank you for contacting me in support of crisis hospice care. I appreciate hearing from you on this important issue.

As you know, crisis hospice services provide patients with personalized care for pain and other symptoms. While crisis hospice care can be provided in the comfort of a patient's home or in a hospital, the current Medicare system unwittingly discourages the use of this quality, convenient health care service.

Like you, I believe seniors should have access to all hospice services. Crisis hospice care can provide quality medical treatment for a patient's needs and can play a valuable role for individuals and families facing a life-limiting condition. Rest assured that I will keep your thoughts in mind and continue to support measures that provide patients with affordable, quality hospice care options.

Once again, thank you for sharing your thoughts on this important issue. Please do not hesitate to contact me in the future on this issue or other issues important to you, health care providers generally, and Louisiana families.

Sincerely,

David Vitter

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P.S. Please visit my website at vitter.senate.gov to sign up for regular email updates on these and other issues important to Louisiana families.