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Dear Tom Davis,

I applaud CVS Health's recent decision to increase access to naloxone by adding Ohio to the list of states where it is available without a physician's prescription at CVS pharmacies. Naloxone is a critical tool in the fight against opioid deaths, and providing quicker, easier access to it will save more lives.

CVS has a strong presence in Maine with 22 locations; as you consider expanding this model program I hope that you will give strong consideration to including Maine.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that over 10,000 overdoses have been reversed by naloxone since the first opioid overdose prevention program began distributing it in 1996. Heroin overdose deaths in Maine jumped from 34 in 2013 to 57 in 2014—a harrowing trend that began more than a decade ago and is yet to show any signs of slowing.

Allowing Mainers to easily get this life-saving drug from their local CVS Pharmacy would be a huge step forward.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,



Angus S. King, Jr.
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