

## LEGISLATION

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- ◆ Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness are inalienable rights that create what we at Hospice call, 'Quality of Life.'
- ◆ The creation of the AHCD Reg is a very important piece in the quality of life packet.
- ◆ I have had my own personal introduction to the stark reality of man vs. machine, patient request vs. the endless medical options available today.
- ◆ My mother died of ovarian cancer in 1981. From the onset to the end of her illness, no document concerning her personal wishes regarding treatment was not filled out, filed and acknowledged.
- ◆ She had, as Governor of the great state of Connecticut, an entire office and legal staff to make sure all her t's were crossed and i's dotted.
- ◆ Others do not... as some of you may know from personal experience.
- ◆ Few of your constituents have my mother's resources. At this time in Connecticut, there is not a system in place to protect the wishes and decisions of a person who transitions from health to illness.
- ◆ In our not so perfect world, there is no clear cut way to access living wills and such documents.
- ◆ In our not so perfect world, devastation of a city or state's infrastructure can destroy all ephemeral documentation.
- ◆ Hurricane Katrina was proof of that. People lost their homes and any/or all documentation.
- ◆ The people of the state of Connecticut need a vehicle to protect and to access their "advanced directives."
- ◆ You and your colleagues can provide this vehicle for yourselves, your families and your constituents.
- ◆ With your help, the AHCD Reg. can become a reality.