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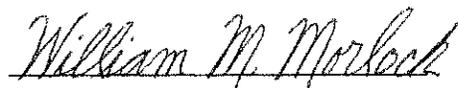
Dear Carolyn,

I am very supportive of legislation that will revise Hospice Facility regulations and enable Regional Hospice and Home Care of Western CT to build a new facility in Danbury and provide residential hospice care for local patients. I have been a Family Support Volunteer at Regional Hospice since 1990, and have seen first hand the wonderful care, skill, and compassion the Regional Hospice staff provides every day for our patients, and I have also seen many cases where there is great need for in-residence care during some end of life situations. Unfortunately, there is no reasonable way to provide that support today, because there are no facilities locally that can do it, and transferring local patients to Branford, the only facility available, is not practical because of the distance. Families want to be there for their loved ones, and a ninety minute journey each way is very much a barrier.

Not only would a new, state-of-the-art facility here in Danbury offer first class care, but the patients and families can continue to have the support of the Hospice staff that they have become safe and comfortable with. It will also improve the care we can provide because there will be someone with the patients twenty four/seven, and our staff, especially the nurses, will no longer have to travel to patients homes when emergencies occur, and care givers will not have to take care of their loved ones twenty four hours a day. I know from my experience how difficult this can be, and how much the care-givers and patients have to deal with during this difficult and emotional time.

I will do anything in my power to help revise the current legislation and make it possible for Western CT Regional Hospice and Home Care can proceed with plans for a new facility. I look forward to that day. Let me know if I can help in any way.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William M. Morlock". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

William M. Morlock