

Madame Chairs and members of the committee,

My name is Bryan Winkler and I'm from Middletown, CT. I'm writing in support of House Bill 6645, An Act Concerning Compassionate Aid in Dying for the Terminally Ill.

I've never written in about a bill before but I so strongly feel that this is a bill we need to pass that I am doing so today. I am someone who believes that this life is all we get. One chance, one shot to do and say and experience as much as we can. That we have however many years we are lucky enough to live for and that that is it. With this view of life in mind death is a very tragic thing. I never want to say goodbye to my loved ones or have to say goodbye myself. However, when that time inevitably comes, it should be MY decision. With the counsel of my doctor and a discussion with my family I should be able to choose when my time is up - not to be forced to live out a death sentence waiting for that final day. I should not be forced to endure constant physical and emotional pain in my last days, weeks, or even months. I should not be required to subject my family to seeing me reduced from the vibrant person I once was to a shell of my former self. When I go, it should be on my terms.

Please, support House Bill 6645, An Act Concerning Compassionate Aid in Dying for the Terminally Ill

Thank you for your time.