

Anne M. Eglinton HB 5326

RHB 5326: An Act Concerning Compassionate Aid in Dying for the Terminally Ill.

I am writing to offer testimony in its support. This bill is modeled on the Oregon and Washington State statutes, which have ample protections against abuse and misuse. In fact, there are such restrictions that I suspect this might not be of help to me, should I have memory issues. A stronger bill would allow advanced directives, with witnesses, to be accepted when a patient chose to hasten the end of life. Palliative Care and Hospice are not mutually exclusive, but assisted aid should be available if the pain and suffering could not be otherwise contained.

I urge your support of this bill.

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