

Honorable members of the Public Health Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit strong support for HB 5326-Compassionate aid to the dying.

It is recognized that compassionate aid to the dying must be administered only when it is clearly established that the illness is terminal.

The act of dying can be an extremely difficult experience with frightful emotional and physical pain which can be eliminated. There is no need for it, Doctors, families and patients can all be relieved of difficult decisions by making this compassionate relief legal.

I have had the unfortunate experience of witnessing a close relative die in agony in the Hartford Hospital with nurses and doctors nearby and seemingly helpless to provide adequate relief. We wouldn't let a dog die with such suffering..

Please support this bill.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

C. Allan Borchert