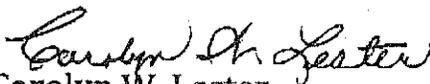


**Written Testimony in Support of HB 5326 - An Act Concerning
Compassionate Care in Dying for the Terminally Ill**

I am writing in strong support of HB 5326 because I believe that terminally ill people who are in intense pain and suffering should have the choice of dying with dignity with a peace of mind that it is acceptable to administer medication that will lead to a peaceful death. I believe it is the intent of the bill to state the cause of death as the terminal illness not that it is by assisted suicide. That should be strongly publicized. I am concerned that the folks in opposition have made it very clear that this is an act of assisted suicide.


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