Public Health Committe, 3/17/2014

my name is Donna Scanlon, 93 Daniel Street East Hampton. I'm here on behalf of my closest friend Gail. We're both RN's and friends for over 36 years. She received a Liver Transplant Oct 8th 2013, 2 days after, developed a complicatio called Graft vs. Host Disease. The Donar liver was killing her. This disease develops in only 1-2% of the population, with a 80-90% mortality rate. A very painful and lingering death. A ventalator, numerous tubes, 24° Bright lights and constant beeping. I repeatedly told the family she would never want to die like this, we often talked about this happening to her. Gail did not have an advance directive, which baffles me to this day. Her estranged family made all the decisions, and they wanted every thing to be done, to use experamental drugs found on the computer. Visiting her daily, each day she developed a new problem, on and on, until Dec. 22nd 2013 She died with constant beeping, Bright overhead lights, and a painful ventalator in place, She died alone, I missed being with her at the end by 2 hours. Was this a good, dignifyed Death ?! I hope to have a Good Death when my time comes. Please give me a choice! Please support, Aid in dying bill.

Thank you, Donna Scanlon