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Testimony on HB 5326 - Compassionate Aid in Dying for Terminally ill patients

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I support the compassionate aid in dying bill. I testified in person last year about my parents' deaths and I could not put myself through that ordeal again this year. Both my parents suffered for a long time with terminal illnesses and I wish they could have been spared the suffering they endured. My mother and I talked many times about how we wished that doctors would help us have an easy death when the time came. My husband and I have the same type of conversation and we are both in support of this bill.

Other states that have passed similar legislation are successful in retaining the integrity of which it is administered. We would like to make this important decision about how we die if a painful end is near. Others are free not to choose this route.

For us, if this bill passes, just knowing that we may be able to decide our own fate if we end up suffering with a terminal illness, will give us enough solace to make our living years more peaceful.

Please pass this bill for us and others who may choose to die on their own terms if faced with a fatal illness.

Thank you,
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