

I am writing regarding the hearing on HB 5326.

While the prospect of Doctor assisted
Suicide does not fit my specific situation, it is an important step in the right direction.

My wife has Alzheimer's. For the past three years she has been in a nursing home. She is completely paralyzed, cannot talk, and I am not sure that she even recognizes me.

Before this happened, we both agreed that we never wanted to live in this state.

Her condition is a great emotional drain on myself and my two daughters, and is a financial drain on the State, since she gets State aid.

While this proposed legislation would not affect my situation, all of us should be looking for ways to allow people to die with dignity, relieve the emotional distress on the surviving loved ones, and try to keep financial costs under control.

Thank you for your consideration.

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