

Mrs. Marcia Heffering

HB 5326

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PHC Testimony
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Dear Testimony,

No one should have to suffer at the end of life. Many dying patients suffer, even with the best care and pain management. I urge you to support the Compassionate Aid-in-Dying bill.

This sound legislation would give terminally ill, mentally competent Connecticut residents the right to administer medication to end their suffering and bring about a peaceful death.

Passage would make Connecticut the nation's fifth state to legalize aid in dying. Since Oregon passed a similar law in 1997, no cases of abuse have been reported. In fact, many who request the medication never even fill the prescription but benefit from the peace of mind of knowing that they have a measure of control over their final days.

I have never spoken to anyone - of any age - who doesn't dread the possibility of a loved one or him/herself facing days, weeks, months, even years of suffering due to a terminal disease or condition. There must be ways to ensure that unscrupulous people cannot abuse the legal way to allow a person to end his or her own suffering humanely and peacefully.

Please support the Compassionate Aid-in-Dying bill today.

Sincerely,

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