

*Edith Schade HB 5326*

I wish to submit the following testimony for Bill HB 5326 - An Act Concerning Compassionate Aid in Dying for the Terminal Ill for the Public Health Committee's hearing on March 5th.

I believe "Compassionate Aid in Dying for the Terminally Ill is basically something that would be a tremendous help to the those who are "at death's door" in unbearable pain that cannot be relieved by medication. It would protect physicians and those involved, especially family members, with prescribing or administering lethal medication. However, obviously it needs to be carefully regulated in order to prevent abuse.

I know someone who helped his terminal wife end her life by allowing their car's motor to run in an enclosed garage. He endured devastating consequences afterward, in addition to his grief for the loss of his wife. I hope this bill would prevent this sort of situation.

I am proud to be a member of Unitarian Universalist Society: East in Manchester. Our congregation supports this issue.

Sincerely,

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