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Connecticut General Assembly
Judiciary Committee
Hartford, CT 06106

Re: Support for Raised House Bill 7015, [AN ACT CONCERNING AID IN DYING FOR TERMINALLY ILL PATIENTS](#).

Dear Judiciary Committee Members:

I am writing in staunch support of RB 7015. My husband and I watched a close friend slowly die from ALS. A well respected intellectual property attorney, he was known for his intellect, negotiating skills, and inquisitive nature as well as for his love of cooking, gardening and community service. To witness the slow and steady diminishment of his abilities - the relentless attack on his speech, his mobility, his bodily functions - was torture for him and all who knew and loved him.

This bill will enable terminally ill patients to die with dignity. In reviewing the bill, there are numerous provisions to address concerns regarding "misuse" including the patient needing to make 2 requests with time in between to reconsider, witnesses to the request who are unrelated to the patient and a second physician's opinion regarding diagnosis and prognosis.

At the time of our friend's death, I told my husband that if I were to become terminally ill, we would need to move to Oregon. It's not just about life, but the quality of life. With a terminal illness I want the option to end it on my own terms - and with the passage of this bill, in my home state.

Please support RB 7015.

Sincerely,

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