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Testimony in support of HB7015 to be in read in person by George C. Hastings at the judiciary committee hearing on March 18. Please enter me in the lottery concerning the time for my testimony.

I am 86 years old and in good health. I live in Bloomfield. I support HB7015 because I believe it to be a rational and humane piece of legislation which will answer a real need. Sometimes but not frequently a person is faced with full knowledge that he or she faces a period of pain, expense and disability to carry on a bearable life before an entirely predictable death. Under such circumstances removing legal punishment for choosing to shorten one's miserable stay is a wise law, and it is reasonable to protect a physician and pharmacist who fills a prescription requested by his patient.

Those who have absolute scruples or beliefs against such an action will not use the law, but having it be illegal for others to take action is an overbearing imposition on those who do not have a negative view of such a choice but have a real need to have that choice. HB7015 is loaded with protections against hasty use of it by the terminally ill person and against pressure from others to make the choice. The provisions of HB7015 will help people, not hurt them. I urge this committee to report the bill out for full consideration.