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Cc: Sen. McLachlan, Michael
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Members of the Judiciary Committee:

My name is Allen Hindin, DDS, MPH. I am a dentist, practicing in Danbury, since 1974. I treated AIDS patients, as far back as 1980, when employed at Danbury Hospital, as Director of Dental Services and its General Practice Residency. Needless to say, many of my patients did not live long. There were others, with cancers, heart diseases, strokes, etc.

I have learned a great deal about empathy and compassion and how much little things matter, such as small acts of kindness, sometimes no more than a light touch, at times when few dare to do so.

I have also learned a great deal about suffering, from patients, relatives and friends.

What I can tell the Judiciary Committee is that when there is very little hope and all that is certain is suffering, I ask for the same privilege afforded my cats; to be able to end it in a humane fashion, surrounded by loved ones, if possible.

I ask for the ability to end suffering at my choosing, rather than be dragged slowly into death, all along burdened by an ever increasing load of technology, designed to keep my machinery running, while the suffering continues.

I ask that you support HB 7015, the right to die with dignity. That which we would not deny our pets.

Where legislation similar to HB 7015 already exists, has it been abused? Not to my knowledge. The alternative, a government which would demand enduring suffering, is not good government. It is tyrannical.

Sincerely,

Allen Hindin