

Dear Chairman Tong and Chairman Coleman,

For the record, my name is Alexander J. Kopper residing in West Simsbury, CT.
I am submitting testimony in favor of:

H.B. No. 7015 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING AID IN DYING FOR TERMINALLY ILL PATIENTS

I am for this bill for the following reasons:

A concern for abuse of this bill is not a valid reason for not denying approval.

Including careful wording and oversight will eliminate or reduce this risk.

There will always be unethical persons who will try to abuse the law.

Fear of a “Slippery Slope” is not a valid argument.

Religious preferences should not prevent others from exercising their rights.

The law should be seen as a personal preference to be made as an option.

If aid in dying is against one’s religion, then it should not deny others rights.

The request for aid for In Dying should be part of a person’s Living Will.

Similar to “Do Not Resuscitate” orders, a person should describe those health situations in which they may find themselves confronting, where they would desire to end their lives. This document would be drafted by a doctor and legal counsel and should include “what if…” concerns.

Dying is inevitable and often excruciating and without relief.

Once a person is actively dying without any cure or hope

I see no valid reason why we cannot show mercy.

A person’s prior written request for Aid in Dying should be able to be

Authorized by his/her Health Care Advocate in order to avoid the necessity of the patient having to be conscious. Patients often lose the ability to talk or communicate.

I ask that this bill be passed for the sake of showing Mercy

Respectfully submitted, Alexander J. Kopper