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Good morning, my name is Michael Mizzone, I am a 53 year old husband and Father of 5. A 28 & 18 year old son, a 17 year old daughter living at home as well as a 10 & 7 year old sons living at home.

It is my privilege to speak on the proposed Bill HB7015, the Aid In Dying Legislation. I realize this is a very controversial issue. The task before this committee is not an easy one. For some of you it may be a moral or an ethical issue, maybe even a Religious one. What I would ask is that you take any personal, moral or religious feelings out of the equation, and base your findings solely on the findings from the testimony of your constituents professionals and people like myself who are here testifying today. I was diagnosed with ALS a terminal disease in December of 2014, just over a year ago.

As you may know ALS is a progressive and degenerative disease that always ends in death with a mortality rate of 3-4 years. It robs you of your ability to walk to talk eat and breath which results in death. I can only imagine how traumatic it would be for my children to watch their father deteriorate in this fashion.

I would like to state for the record that I am in favor of this Bill in order to give people like myself a choice to decide when they are terminal and loose their independence and mobility a chance to die with honor and dignity and not feel as if they are a burden on their friends, families and society but to end their suffering in a compassionate way with their loved ones by their side.

I hope you will take my testimony and the testimony of the others aforementioned into the deepest consideration before you make your decision. I can only hope that you will see that this is the most compassionate and caring thing we can do as a people and society for all of those patients, people and family affected by your decision.

I can only speak for myself, my wife and my family who support me in my decision today and the support in the Aid To Die Legislation. So again I ask that you approve this Bill HB7015 and give people like myself the right to make a decision when their quality of life is diminished to die with dignity.

I am sure you are all struggling with this very arduous task, it is a very sensitive issue, maybe you are questioning yourselves, "what if this gets into the wrong hands" or "will it be taken advantage of" "will it be used illegally", these are legitimate concerns however if this were to pass I have faith that there would be a multitude of safeguards put in place to insure that this does not happen.

It is not easy for me to stand here before you today and ask for your support to be able to end my own life when the time comes, so that myself, my family and friends do not have to suffer.

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