

Testimony for Public Hearing  
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Bill No. 7015 – An Act Concerning Aid In Dying For Terminally Ill Patients

Good Morning Judiciary Committee Members. My name is Deborah Oswalt and I am here today speaking in favor of this legislation. It is my belief that a competent adult with a terminal illness should have the fundamental right to receive aid in dying from their physician. This choice is so important to me that as I consider where to live out my later years this is a primary consideration in deciding what state I will live in even though I do not currently have a terminal illness.

This legislation is very near and dear to my heart. I have a family member that recently died from ALS so I am intimately familiar with what a person is faced with when there is no legal option for aid in dying. If there would have been the option for choosing when to end the mental and physical anguish of dying with ALS by having medication dispensed or prescribed by his physician it would have provided a great deal of peace of mind for him and our family.

Thank you for your valuable time and consideration of this testimony.