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Testimony in support of House Bill 7015, An Act Concerning Compassionate Aid in Dying for Terminally Ill Patients, before the Connecticut General Assembly Judiciary Committee

Resubmission of Testimony provided to the Public Health Committee last year.

Testimony of Susan X. Shaw

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of this bill.

- *It is important to me because I believe that death with dignity is a basic human right. ...*
- *I worry about being able to control my own death; that decisions to prolong my life may cause emotional pain to my family and deprive my family and me of a dignified death...*
- *My mother died of breast cancer; and while she chose not to end her life on her own, she found some comfort in knowing, because she had hoarded medicine, that she could. As her daughter, I found solace in knowing that my mother was in some control of her last days. ...*
- *Every one of us deserves to live out our lives on our own terms and have the right to making our own end of life decisions. ...*

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