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Subject: H.B. No. 7015, An Act Concerning Aid in Dying for Terminally Ill Patients

Hon. Joint Committee on the Judiciary:

I fully support adoption of H.B. No. 7015, An Act Concerning Aid in Dying for Terminally Ill Patients.

The bill requires a terminally ill subject to be mentally competent, an important feature. This evaluation ensures that the subject's choice is not, as some detractors state, a decision for suicide. The latter course is frequently accompanied by symptoms of mental disease that a subject of the bill would be found not to have. Rather the bill affords a terminally ill subject who is suffering an option for controlling his or her life.

I urge the Joint Committee to act favorably on this bill.

Sincerely,

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