

## Moniz-Carroll, Rhonda

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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 17, 2015 11:02 AM  
**To:** JudTestimony  
**Cc:** David Braun  
**Subject:** Right to die legislation

**Importance:** High

Dear Members of the Judiciary Committee:

We are e-mailing you to express our strong support of the House Bill 7015, An Act Concerning Aid-in-Dying for Terminally Ill Patients. We are a 75 year old couple currently in good health. However, we recognize the fact that, as our life nears its end, it is likely that we may be in poor health and possibly facing a painful final few months of life. We are quite concerned that there is little regard in Connecticut for patients' desire to feel they have some control about how their life ends when they are nearing death. It seems grossly unfair for each person facing terminal illness not to have a voice in determining and finding a peaceful way to die. This concern intrudes on our lives today, despite our current healthy status. The Bill as written appears to provide very complete safeguards for the concerns some have expressed about a person's wishes being abused or violated. And, since the Bill is designed only to assure the availability of final decision options, not a mandate for a specific decision, there appears to be no basis for the argument by various lobbying groups that outsiders have the responsibility to save an individual or his/her immediate family from making such a choice. As such, we hope you will honor each individual's right to make responsible choices when their quality of life and death is at issue and approve Bill 7015 so that it can be debated and, hopefully, approved by the CT Legislature.

Sincerely,

Dave and Nancy Braun  
Fairfield, CT