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Subject: Support of House Bill 7015

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

Testimony of Alice Oliver

I support this bill because I watched my parents die, long months after there was no hope they would ever recover either their health or any semblance of a normal life. By the time they died, they had lost their autonomy, their privacy, and their dignity. Much as I loved them, I was grateful that death finally released them from the anguish and suffering that had become a part of their daily lives.

This bill would have helped them, and so many others with terminal illness, to make their own decisions about their medical care at the end of their lives. The language in the bill is carefully constructed to exclude those with disabilities or dementia, anyone who might stand to gain by the death, and anyone who objects to participating in the process for religious or other personal reasons.

Terminally ill patients know they are going to die. It is only a question of how, where, and when. Some would choose to leave these questions unanswered, believing that a power greater than themselves will dictate the outcome. Nothing in this bill would change that. As for me, I've never liked unanswered questions, and it would give me – and others like me - great comfort to know that when the time comes, these are questions I could answer for myself.

Thank you.

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From: christine32e <christine32e@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2015 5:55 PM
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Subject: Right-to-die Bill

I am in favor of the Right-to-die bill.
I truly hope this passes.
Regards - Christine Engelbrecht

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