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Sen. Gerratana, Rep. Ritter, and members of the Committee,

I am Sen. Art Linares, and I am testifying in support of ***H.B. 6709, An Act Concerning the Right To Try Experimental Drugs.***

Several of my constituents, diagnosed with life-altering diseases such as ALS and cancer, have contacted me in support of this bill.

They wish they had the opportunity to try medications and treatments that could make so much difference in their health and quality and length of life.

They want to participate in trials so that future patients benefit from the medical knowledge gained by physicians and researchers.

They want their children to benefit from these drugs, either first-hand or by allowing their parent to live long enough to see them grow to adulthood.

We should do all that we can to support these patients, and allowing them to try the newest medications available is one of the best ways to do that.

Thank you for your consideration of ***H.B. 6709.***