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

I am Sen. Art Linares of the 33rd Senate District.

I am testifying today in strong support of H.B. No. 5270 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE RIGHT TO TRY EXPERIMENTAL DRUGS.

A "right to try" law in Connecticut can help patients who have exhausted all existing treatment options.

It can also bring new hope to terminally ill patients by giving those patients access to medications, procedures and medical devices that have not been approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

Terminally ill patients who have exhausted all existing treatment would be able to seek other options and treatments.

To those patients, this legislation is an offering of hope. Let's provide that hope by passing this measure, which has had bipartisan support in the past.

Thank you for your consideration of this common sense legislation: H.B. No. 5270.