

Hi,

My name is Ann Klopp and I live in Woodbridge, CT. I have had experience with parents and friends suffering thru their final days of terminal illness in agony. Near the end, they just wanted to go.

I believe it is wrong to make human beings suffer unbearable physical and mental anguish. We consider it inhumane to make animals suffer a slow, painful death. I believe it is heartless to make people suffer in this way.

When my time comes, I hope it is quick and painless, but if not, I do not want to suffer, and more importantly, add to my pain by making those close to me agonize over my condition. We should all have the right to make this choice for ourselves, in writing, while of sound mind. Just as we can write our wills, power of attorney, DNR, and organ donation wishes in advance, we should be able to arrange for a merciful death should we fall terminally ill by disease or accident.

I hope that you will advance H.B. 5417 and ultimately vote it into law.

Thank-you for considering my written testimony.

Sincerely,

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