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Committee Member

Dear Member,

An Act Concerning Aid in Dying for Terminally Ill Patients (HB 5898) was introduced by Rep. John Steinberg and is being considered by the Joint Committee on Public Health.. This legislation would allow mentally capable, terminally ill adults with six months or fewer to live the option to request and receive a doctor's prescription for medication they can decide to take to die peacefully if their suffering becomes unbearable. As your constituent, I ask that you support this important legislation.

For me, this issue is personal. I watched both of my parents suffer terribly at the end with terminal cancer. My dad with colon cancer who begged my mom to give him enough pills to end his life because he was in so much pain. And my mom with lung cancer who wasted away at a hospice for almost 3 weeks with no food or water in a drug induced coma until she became a skeleton of skin and bones. They both were a horrible way to die and a horrible way for my family and I to watch their heartbreaking suffering. Please please please pass this bill!

We do it for our beloved animals - why can't we do this for humankind.

Thank you!

Seven states and the District of Columbia currently authorize medical aid in dying. Rep. Steinberg's legislation empowers terminally ill individuals to determine their end-of-life options. That power is in the in the hands of the patient, not the medical provider -- a critical safeguard that provides Connecticut residents with a transparent, regulated medical practice that ensures terminally ill individuals are protected.

Please support HB 5898: An Act Concerning Aid in Dying for Terminally Ill Patients.

Sincerely,

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