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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. Please send your testimony and show your support to:
PHC.Testimony@CGA.CT.GOV.

My mother died of pancreatic cancer on Sept. 23, 2013 but she was ready to die a month or more before that day. Mom always believed in assisted dying as I do. She begged and pleaded with us & her medical team to allow her to take her own life if we could not help her. She knew that if I could legally assist her, I would've without a second thought.

Looking back, I wish I could've granted her that gift. You never know how you'll feel until it happens to you or someone you love. Please support the Aid in Dying legislation in CT to allow people to have the choice.

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 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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