

This is in support of Senate Bill 01076 -

My father Gerald J. Berrafati, M.D., died in June 2019 at the age of 89 from ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). The diagnosis for ALS is a process of elimination because it is so rare. After weeks of tests in Greenwich Hospital, which did not find anything medically conclusive for his symptoms, the treating Neurologist arranged to have a Neurologist from Yale conduct the test for ALS. I will never forget when the Neurologist told my Dad that he had ALS. My Dad asked him doctor to doctor if there was a pill cocktail he could be provided with to end this at the appropriate time. The Neurologist laughed nervously and said unfortunately there was nothing he could do. My Dad as a physician knew what the diagnosis meant. Fortunately, due to his age the disease progressed quickly, but he lingered unnecessarily for the last few days, which were unbearable to experience for me and his family.

I promised my Dad when he was diagnosed that I would do what I can to get CT to pass such a law as this. Now is that time and I want you to know that I support the Bill and if there is anything further I can do be it testimony at a public hearing or sharing this email I support that.

Thanks for your time.

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