

Support

End of Life Options Act (SB 701/HB 643)

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I support Maryland SB 701/HB 643 wholeheartedly. For myself now and in the future, but, although too late, also for friends who have passed away in inhumane circumstances.

The people I knew—one with cancer and the other with a stroke—wanted to end their lives peacefully, but because there was no end-of-life option (like that proposed in SB 701/HB 643) they lived longer, in circumstances they didn't want. They ended their lives by starving and withholding liquids. Their loved ones were flabbergasted at the staggering amount of time it took to die this way. The dying suffered, but so did families and friends, as they waited in their own pain for their loved ones, for the inevitable.

Humans shouldn't have to die this way. The end-of-life bill provides a more humane, peaceful way to die so a person with little time to live doesn't have to do so in extreme pain or die, without other choice, from starvation or other unfathomable means, like suicide.

Marylanders deserve SB 701/HB 643. Please vote for it and join the other states that already have such a law on their books. Many people will thank you for it and be proud of you.

Sincerely,

Lynn Cave