

## Favorable Testimony for SB 845

I am Barbara Harrison, a resident of Bethesda, MD for over 60 years. I submit this testimony in favor of SB 845 in memory of a very dear friend who died five years ago of metastatic lung cancer. In her final months my friend lived with terrible anxiety, and she desperately wished for the option to end her life without suffering. Sadly, despite the best efforts of a caring oncologist, her children, and hospice care, she experienced uncontrollable nausea and vomiting that made the last weeks of her life a misery.

I dearly hope that passage of SB 845 will provide the option for medical aid in dying to help others in our state suffering in their last days from incurable illnesses. I know such an option would comfort me, even if I never chose to use it. Seventy-one percent of Marylanders agree with my views. Please pass SB 845!