

I want to express my strong support for HB1328, the Maryland End-of-Life Option Act. I believe that this legislation shows respect for our mentally capable, terminally ill adults to make their own decisions to peacefully end their own suffering, at a time when quality of life becomes unbearable.

Although hospice care can manage end-of-life care for many people, it is insufficient for some. In other states that have adopted medical aid-in-dying laws, simply having the option eases the stress and mental anguish for the patient, even if the option is never exercised. Wouldn't you want to have this option available for you or a loved one when facing unimaginable pain and anguish?

There are sufficient protections now built into the legislation to address any concerns, based on the learnings from ten other state and Washington, DC laws. Please help Maryland to join these states in leading the way toward a more compassionate approach to terminal illness. More than seven out of ten Marylanders (71%) support medical aid in dying.

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