

TESTIMONY FOR HB 1328

END-OF-LIFE OPTION ACT (THE HONORABLE ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS AND THE
HONORABLE SHANE E. PENDERGRASS ACT)

Bill Sponsor: Delegate Hill, et al

Committee: Health and Government Operations

Person Submitting: Marijane Monck

Position: FAVORABLE

I am writing in favor of the End-of-Life Option Act (HB 1328).

I have some personal experience in this area. My aunt, a number of years ago, ended her life on her terms. This was in Colorado and she participated in a Frontline documentary in 2012. She is the second story covered and this is a link to that episode starting at minute 6:38: <https://www.pbs.org/video/frontline-suicide-plan/> She made the decision about her life, as she always had. She was a strong, strong woman and knew exactly what she wanted.

Also, my son-in-law's grandmother ended her own life using the California End of Life Option Act two years ago. It was the most peaceful way for her to go and allowed her to be surrounded by her loved ones.

These were their choice as it should be for anyone.

I encourage you to view the video and to vote in favor of this bill.