

I, Gregory James Werner of Harmans, MD, submit my unfavorable testimony for HB1328.

Medical diagnoses are not always correct. We can not rush to allow those who are afflicted with illness to make rash decisions. I believe that the state of Maryland uses a similar though process for the Death Penalty: we don't want to be executing innocent Marylanders, and so we will not allow the Death Sentence in our fair state.

Secondly, I believe that the mentally ill are unduly burdened by such a prospect. Poor decision may be made either in the case of the individual or the proxy who speaks for the individual in making decisions which are not well understood. We would in fact be discriminating against the rights of the mentally in such cases.