

Testimony on HB 1328, *End of Life Option Act*
Committee: Health and Government Operations
Hearing Date: March 4, 2025
Position: Support

I support this bill because it provides a basic humanitarian option, a peaceful death for people who are dying and often suffering from horrendous pain.

With such a limited, narrow focus on right-to-die, it will be incredibly disappointing if our State legislator does not pass it.

We must stop forcing our residents to suffer enormous pain and sorrow while they are dying. I know from personal experience that it is a deeply distressing experience to watch the people we love suffer so intensely for such a long period of time.

Further, it is a harrowing experience when nothing can be done to provide the relief they request out of desperation. Medical doctors are usually unwilling to provide sufficient pain killers due to liability concerns. This is a basic humanitarian bill.

The opposition always cites the risk of abuse. However, in locations where this type of end-of-life option is in place, there have not been problems with abuse.

In truth, the opposition comes from religious theology that says only God decides when someone dies. Thus, by passing this bill, our great State will be standing with our constitution which requires separation of church and state. Such a statement is urgently needed today when we are experiencing a constitutional crisis.

Please vote favorably for this much needed legislation.

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