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Subject: Support for S151 and H5219 - please enact this legislation

Senate and House Committee Chair and Members –

My wife and I are East Greenwich residents, and we fully support S151 + H5219 as currently drafted.

Both RI Bills are prudently crafted with sufficient safeguards to prevent misuse or abuse, and we encourage Rhode Island's legislature to enact what we strongly feel is a humane and compassionate bill - as quickly as practical.

For those who qualify under the provisions of S151 + H5219, the only fate worse than eventual death, is:

- Reaching a point where your disease or terminal illness has progressed past the point where you're physically able to comply with the law,
- You're physically unable to leave RI for a state with right to die legislation, and
- Knowing that your path to a humane self-administered exit from this earth is out of your reach.

People who argue against this right to die legislation have apparently not been exposed to friends or family members who've literally suffered to the very end of their lives.

Please pass this legislation as soon as possible. It's the caring, humane and compassionate exit ramp that Rhode Islanders deserve.

Respectfully submitted -

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