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Dear House Judiciary Committee:

My wife Elizabeth Schiller (Libby) and I support bill H7760 which would allow terminally ill people an option to take medicine prescribed by doctors to end their lives.

Though reasonably healthy, we are well up in our 80s, so this is not an ideological belief but a practical consideration. By this time in life we have heard many end-of-life horror stories - including my own aunt jumping out of a senior high-rise when she had terminal cancer and no hope. Thus we are less afraid of death than of prolonged suffering at the end. As a couple married since 1969, for both of us this includes the prospect of one of us to see the other suffering in misery and there is nothing effective that you can do about it. That would be horrible beyond words for both of us.

The bill as written is highly restrictive. That is understandable to prevent abuse, though experience in other states indicates abuse is very rare. For example I don't see why someone wanting this option has to wait at least 15 days between requests. That is a really lojg tie for someone who may be near death and in distress. So though we understand it is difficult to access the medicine, and not likely that we would ever make use of the option, just knowing it exists could bring some comfort to people in their 80s.

At previous hearings we heard someone claiming to speak for disabled people testify in opposition. Libby has recognized mobility and hearing disabilities and she notes that nobody from the disability world asked her opinion about this and that there was no election to represent the disabled. She sees opposition to the bill as taking away a possible option for people with disabilities just as it would for everyone else.

Disabled people have a right to make their own decision too, Trying to prevent additional rights for them is not being pro the disabled.

For those who don't believe in this end of life choice, don't use this option, but please give us the option of legally terminating our life to avoid needless suffering and misery.

We thank the sponsors for their compassion, and the Committee for considering our views

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