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Chair Hagan McEntee and Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

As a Rhode Island resident, I support the Lila Manfield Sapinsley Compassionate Care Act (H7760).

Death with Dignity is very important to many. Personally, it would have been beneficial for my 90 year old father who was failing and in constant discomfort. He was ready to take his own life by shooting himself in the head when my sister walked into his room just in time. They struggled for the gun which could have killed my sister. We had police, fire and EMT at the house. My dad ended up at the VA Hospital where they did NOTHING for several months at which time he refused all of his medications so he could pass away. Only then was he sent to Hospice and made comfortable to pass away in one day.

I, myself, am not a healthy senior. You name it and I probably have it. I have Selective IgA with Common Variable. My immune system attacks all of my other systems in random order. I've been called "the miracle patient" and "the mystery patient " for quite a few years. There is no cure for me. God has been carrying me. I don't want to, one day, have to slowly suffer away in a hospital nor do I want to put my family through it.

PLEASE PASS DEATH WITH DIGNITY FOR RHODE ISLAND LIKE SO MANY OTHER STATES HAVE DONE. THANK YOU.

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