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I am writing as a 85 year-old citizen of RI in unequivocal support of Lila Sapinsley 's Compassionate Care Act.

I myself am not yet one of the people with a terminal condition with a prognosis of death within 6 months from an incurable and irreversible disease, though i am only one diagnosis away from being one.

I have lived long enough to see loved ones - some older, my husband; some younger, my brother — choose very different paths in the circumstances that this legislation is meant to

Unlike both of them I do have a do-not-resuscitate bracelet which I wear 24/7.

I also have legal documents that are intended to shape medical decisions about my care , and I have read carefully and strongly support the principles of Derek Humphrey's Final Exit (2002), which is far more radical, if I can use that term, than this legislation

The process that this legislation requires a terminally ill patient and their physician to go through to get the pill ,which the person must self administer, seems so daunting that only a person of the strongest conviction would go through it .

This process required by the legislation assures that the patient will know their mind; the physician will know the conviction of the patient; and neither physician or medical facility is under obligation to be a party to the patient's self-administered physician-prescribed pill.

This legislation is very very limited in its ramifications for the medical profession whose code is to do no harm.

Yet as circumscribed as it is in its reach, it does offer individuals with a diagnosis of incurable and irreversible condition with death foreseen within six months a compassionate option SHOULD they wish to NOT to be kept alive by all the medication and pain killers that modern medicine has at its disposal .

In a society that proports to believe in the worth of the individual and in freedom of conscience, to have the right to make this last decision of their life in these very limited and legislatively circumscribed circumstances seems to me not right and just .

Please vote in favor of this legislation
Thank you.

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