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Dear Chairman Craven and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Linda Hines and I live in Narragansett. My Representative is Carol Hagan McEntee.. I urge you to support this bill which will provide an invaluable means of relief for patients and their loved ones struggling through the daily pain and trauma of terminal illness.

This bill is carefully crafted to provide protections for all interested parties to the individual's personal decision to end their life., a decision not taken lightly and without strong safeguards.

The national organization Compassion and Choices states that, "For 30 years U. S. medical aid-in-dying laws have functioned responsibly and predictably--without eligibility expansions beyond their original scope and without the "slippery slope" predicted by opponents." Further, "U.S. Laws are intentionally narrow, limiting eligibility to terminally ill adults in their final six or less months of life who can make their own informed healthcare decisions and self-ingest the aid-in-dying medication". This is distinct from other countries, such as Canada,,which allows non-terminal eligibility.

Delaware, Illinois, and New York recently passed medical aid-in-dying laws. When fully implemented , nearly one in three Americans will now be covered by these laws. Please help Rhode Islanders to access the same consideration.

Please support this bill and vote it out of committee to be sent to the House for a full floor vote.

Thank you,  
Linda Hines