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Hello, I am a Rhode Island native and live in East Greenwich. I am writing to support H7760.

Both of my parents passed away from cancer, and my father's condition in particular was very brutal on him for the last 12 months of his life. He passed away from a brain tumor at Rhode Island Hospital in April 1981. My mother passed away from colon cancer in April 2010. Watching both of my hard-working parents suffer terribly during the last months of their lives reinforced in me the need for legislation that enabled death with dignity.

It can be written as a narrow, controlled right, as evidenced by the bills and paperwork criteria established by other states: terminal illness, mentally competent patients, multiple medical confirmations, and voluntary and self-administered.

These restrictions ensure the right to death with dignity is tightly contained and closes the opportunity for any unintended consequences. I urge the RI legislature to support this bill.

Sincerely,

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