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Hello,

I'm a Providence resident writing to you in support of H7760. As a medical student hoping to stay in Rhode Island, it is important to me that I can practice healthcare in line with my values. I want to be able to provide patients agency, autonomy, and to help alleviate their suffering. H7760 allows me to do that one day.

I've seen this first hand with the death of my grandfather. He battled colon cancer for many years, in and out of remission. When the cancer metastasized to his liver, his primary care doctor explained that his prognosis was terminal. He learned he would likely have a lot of pain towards the end of his life. Over the course of many weeks he discussed his values with his PCP, whether he would like a DNR, as well as the option to end his life with MAID. He met with an additional physician and secured the prescription. While he passed before using the prescription, I believe it gave him a sense of security and autonomy in face of his terminal illness that he was always in control.

H7760 would allow people like my grandfather to maintain autonomy all the way to the end of their lives. It alleviates suffering but I believe the bill also has important safeguards to ensure it is used conservatively. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Sincerely,
Luka