

H 7760 Lila Manfield Sapinsley Compassionate Care Act - FOR

Testimony for hearing, April 30, 2026

The Honorable Carol McEntee and Esteemed Members of the Judiciary Committee:

I am writing as an 83 year old citizen fully supporting this bill. I want to control my choice at end of life - (and have a directive indicating that I do not want to be kept alive under certain circumstances). H-7760 addresses end of life choices for terminally ill patients. I am satisfied that the bill has appropriate safeguards to prevent abuse, and that it respects life and the decision to exit it. It also provides civil and criminal protections for healthcare and other providers who are willing to assist the patient in obtaining medication that the patient would self-administer to hasten his/her death and end the suffering that s/he would otherwise have to endure.

This bill has been introduced yearly for 10 years, which has provided time for scrutiny and concerns to be addressed.

I urge you to vote FOR this bill and send it to the floor of the House for a full vote this year.

Thank you for your consideration.

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