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TO: Chair McEntee and members of the House Judiciary Committee

I am writing to express my support for H7760, the Lila Mansfield Sapinsley Compassionate Care Act. I have personal experience with a loved one who was faced with inevitable death from ALS 10 years ago.

My late husband, Bill Malinowski, who had been a an investigative reporter at the Providence Journal for over 30 years, was diagnosed in the spring of 2015, with ALS, Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, also know as Lou Gehrig's disease. The disease progressed very quickly over the next 16 months. The first signs appeared when he began to have difficulty buttoning his shirts. After doctor visits where they thought it was A-fib, or sports induced asthma, by process of elimination, he had to face the reality of having a disease that has no cure. There was the unrelenting loss of his ability to eat, to swallow, to use his fingers. Because it was becoming more difficult to swallow, he had a feeding tube put in April of 2016, 4 months before he died. All of these losses were heartbreaking to me and to him. Often he would say, he wanted to die. I don't know what we, he, would have done if the law in Rhode Island allowed for compassionate decisions. BUT it would have given Bill the option to weigh as he faced the reality that he did not have long to live even as he was participating in drug studies which went nowhere.

Thank you for the opportunity to express how I believe this is an important bill for the Judiciary Committee to vote on and to send to the whole House to finally pass this year.

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