

## **Testimony in Support Of H7760**

### **An Act Relating To Health And Safety – Lila Manfield Sapinsley Compassionate Care Act**

May 8, 2026

Chair McEntee and members of the House Judiciary Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to address you I am sorry that I was unable to make it to your committee meeting to testify. My name is Myles Brawn-Husband, I am a resident of Warwick, and I am writing to strongly urge your support for House Bill 7760, the Lila Manfield Sapinsley Compassionate Care Act.

Every individual deserves the right to exercise autonomy over their own life, their healthcare, and – crucially – their final moments. This bill is about providing a compassionate option for those facing terminal illness, ensuring they have the agency to decide how much suffering they must endure.

The safeguards within House Bill 7760 are robust. By requiring a prognosis of six months or less, multiple oral and written requests, and the mental capacity to make an informed decision, this legislation ensures that the choice remains strictly with the individual. It is a deeply personal decision that should be made in consultation with medical professionals and loved ones, free from government interference.

We often speak about dignity in life, but we must also protect the right to dignity in death. For Rhode Islanders facing the end of a terminal illness, having the peace of mind that this option exists can provide immense comfort, even for those who ultimately choose not to use it.

I ask your committee to respect the bodily autonomy of terminal patients and vote in favor of House Bill 7760. Thank you for your time and for your commitment to the people of Rhode Island.

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