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Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to strongly support H-8329, the Terminal Patients’; Right to Try Act, which will empower terminally ill patients in Rhode Island to access investigational diagnostics and treatments without delay.

The current system forces patients to wait years for treatments that have already passed Phase 1 trials; many times, patients have to navigate bureaucratic hurdles, and travel for in-person evaluations—time they do not have.

H-8329 addresses these issues by:

- Including innovative diagnostic devices to improve early detection and monitoring.
- Expanding access to investigational drugs, biologics, and devices.
- Enabling telehealth prescreening and remote signing to eliminate travel burdens.
- Providing immunity protections for providers acting in good faith.

This bill also ensures patient safety through informed consent, transparency, and state oversight.

Rhode Island can lead the nation by becoming the second state to adopt these provisions and the first to include diagnostic devices for data collection. For terminally ill patients, time is survival; this bill offers them a fighting chance.

I urge you to support H8329 and give hope to those who need it most.  
Sincerely,