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Dear Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

I write to urge passage of H-8329, the “Terminal Patients’ Right to Try Act”. The bill is not complex. It allows patients for whom there are no conventional treatments available to try others that have not yet made it through the very long federal approval process. It offers some degree of hope to people who otherwise would have none.

It also offers two other Rhode Island-specific benefits. First, it allows treatments being developed in the state’s nascent but growing bio-medical field to obtain real-world data on efficacy in anticipation of wider application. Second, it provides a more dynamic business development playing field in Rhode Island, allowing the state to set itself apart from others in a positive way.

There are few opportunities in this world for a win-win-win result. H-8329 is one of them; for patients, for Rhode Island’s economy, and for the advancement of medicine. Please pass the bill.

Sincerely,

David Karoff