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**From:** Rep. Felix, Leonela  
**Sent:** Monday, February 12, 2024 8:00 AM  
**To:** Kathleen Lilla; Rep. Craven, Robert E.; Rep. McEntee, Carol Hagan; Rep. Knight, Jason; Rep. Ajello, Edith H.; Rep. Batista, Jose F.; Rep. Bennett, David A.; Rep. Caldwell, Justine A.; Rep. Casimiro, Julie A.; Rep. Corvese, Arthur J.; Rep. Cruz, Cherie L.; Rep. Dawson, Matthew S.; Rep. Noret, Thomas E.; Rep. Place, David J.; Rep. Roberts, Sherry; House Judiciary Committee  
**Subject:** Re: House Bill #H 7100  
  
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Dear Ms. Lilla,

Thank you for reaching out to express your concerns regarding HB 7100, titled The Lila Manfield Sapinsley Compassionate Care Act. I appreciate the opportunity to address your reservations and provide insight into why I support this important piece of legislation.

I understand that the topic of aid in dying can evoke strong emotions and raise complex ethical considerations. However, after careful consideration and consultation with healthcare professionals, advocates, and constituents like yourself, I believe that this legislation represents a compassionate and necessary response to the needs of terminally ill individuals.

One of the primary reasons why I support this legislation is because it affirms the principle of individual autonomy and respects the right of terminally ill adults to make decisions about their own end-of-life care. It is crucial to recognize that aid in dying is a voluntary option for those facing unbearable suffering and imminent death. By legalizing this practice, we empower patients to exercise control over their own bodies and destinies, allowing them to die with dignity and in accordance with their deeply held values and beliefs.

Moreover, HB 7100 includes stringent safeguards to prevent potential abuses and ensure that aid in dying is only provided to mentally competent adults who are facing a terminal prognosis. These safeguards include requirements for multiple requests, waiting periods, and consultations with healthcare professionals, all of which are designed to ensure informed decision-making and protect vulnerable individuals from coercion or undue influence.

Additionally, my support for this legislation is informed by evidence from other states that have implemented similar laws. Studies have shown that aid-in-dying laws have not led to widespread abuse or coercion, and patients who choose this option typically do so as a last resort after exhausting all other avenues of treatment. Furthermore, the availability of aid in dying has spurred improvements in end-of-life care, including increased access to palliative care and hospice services, which benefit all patients, regardless of whether they choose aid in dying.

In conclusion, HB 7100 represents a balanced and compassionate approach to end-of-life care that upholds the principles of autonomy, dignity, and compassion. By providing terminally ill individuals with the option to choose aid in dying, we honor their wishes and alleviate unnecessary suffering, while also safeguarding against potential abuses and ensuring that all patients receive the support and care they need during their final days.

Once again, thank you for sharing your concerns with me. I hope this response provides clarity regarding my support for The Lila Manfield Sapinsley Compassionate Care Act. If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

In Community,  
Rep. Leo

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**From:** Kathleen Lilla <mscc2@verizon.net>

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My name is Kathleen Lilla Pawtucket RI.

Please vote against House Bill H 7100. It is another example of some people thinking they have the right to control another person's life. This is very dangerous for ALL OF US, since we will ALL be in a vulnerable state at certain times in our lives. God is the only one Who should be in charge of every person's life and death.