

I am writing in support of H 7100 LILA MANFIELD SAPINSLEY COMPASSIONATE CARE ACT.

This bill will give control to the patient diagnosed with terminal illness the right to die with peace and dignity.

Having supported my husband through his death from Melanoma Cancer - a very challenging and difficult illness that at the time of his diagnosis did NOT have a 'successful protocol of treatment'.

Patients, Family and Friends often suffer a difficult and trying time coping (physically, emotionally and financially) with the end of life care.

HAVING the CHOICE available is a resource that patients, doctors, care givers and family and friends can use this as a option and make a decision for themselves.

This has a valid place in our society.

This bill is thorough and thoughtful and well conceived.

I have participated in past testimonies and hearings.

As I listen I hear the pain of others and relive the last months of my husbands life.

I also hear the facts of the number of people making this CHOICE and those that sign up and either opt out or don't follow through.

I hear of the safety reports from other states that 'offer' this CHOICE to citizens.

I hear of the safety controls for the medication.

I hear the level of precautions in place for the physician/patient relationship.

I do not present myself to you as an expert in these facts and figures.

This issue is personal and close to my heart as I think of the wellbeing of loved ones.

I support the right to make the choice of death without suffering.

A choice made in
dignity.

Some people are not afraid of death.

Add my voice in support H 7100

I urge you to pass the bill out of committee and to the floor for a vote.

The process has been long and drawn out. Please make this the year and that this bill moves forward to become a law.

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