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Dear House Judiciary Committee members,

I am writing to urge you to give the Lila Manfield Sapinsley Compassionate Care Act (H5219/S151) a public hearing and pass the bill out of committee. Having had personal experience with a terminally ill family member who lived in a state that has an End of Life Option, I cannot emphasize enough what a blessing it is to have this choice. The decision to end unmitigated suffering should be a personal one, aided by compassionate medical personnel. It is inhumane to deny someone this choice, and it is one I want to have if I someday need it. When I moved to RI from Washington state I regretted leaving a state that had an End of Lift Option to move to one that did not. It wasn't enough of a factor to prevent the move, but it was an issue. I believed that RI is enlightened enough to legalize this option before I might need it; please prove me right. Work together with your Senate colleagues to bring this to the floor for consideration.

Thank you, Mary Bandura 475 Neck Road Tiverton, RI 02878