

Mr. Sande and State Reps-

In support of the End of Life Options Act (HF 1930) to be heard on Thursday 1/25/24 I offer my personal story:

Ten years ago I watched as my mother, bed ridden and in the hospital, was told by a brain cancer specialist that she had 2 to 4 weeks left to live. This was the happiest that I'd seen her during the past 2 or 3 years of suffering through cascading serious health issues. Her response, much to the doctor's surprise, was to offer him money in exchange for this final gift and she asked me to pull out her check book. Of course the doctor declined the tip. This was after a long life of service to her community as a reporter, teacher, artist and activist. If the option of a compassionate transition were available, she would have given it every consideration.

My father, on the other hand a few years previously, chose to fight against the final curtain right up to the gruesome and bloody end which was the the only option available then and sadly still is the only path for people at the end of life.

In memory of these two and for the sake of my dearest friend who is slowly approaching her final bow I urge and, if need be, beg you to think long and hard about the decision you are about to make regarding the End of Life Options Act. It is not a slippery slope - it is a compassionate choice.

Sincerely,  
Peter Krause, Duluth, MN