

To Josh Sande,

I am an Emergency Physician (MD) at Hennepin County Medical Center.

Every day, I see patients who are suffering greatly from a terminal illness and want to have more control over the end of their life.

They do not necessarily even want to end it by themselves, before nature does, but they want to know that they have the option. Just having the option gives them great comfort.

I, too, want this option for myself.

It is inconceivable to me that some people want to deny this option to others.

I urge you to pass HF 1930 and give all Minnesotans control over their final days/weeks/hours.

It is a well written and well-conceived bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen W. Smith", written on a light-colored background.

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