

Health Finance and Policy Committee
Administrator Josh Sande
MN House of Representatives

January 24, 2024

Dear Administrator Sande,

Please add my voice to the **supporters of HF 1930**. The bill is well-written and takes into account the rights of patients and providers, quality of care concerns, and offers safeguards against misuse.

But at the root of it all is a basic premise: when an individual is dying, and the process of dying is lengthy and painful, and there is no hope or chance of recovery, and everyone agrees - then, the individual should have the right to choose and receive a safe, pain-free end of life option.

Why anyone would believe we must force people to ensure excruciating pain for a few more days or weeks of existence is completely beyond my ability to understand or accept. The precedent set in states where this is legal proves that it is not misused, over-used, or a risky beginning leading to problems (i.e., a "slippery slope").

This **MUST** become a legal option in our state which has such a strong history of upholding human rights.

I thank the authors of this bill for bringing it forward, and the committee for hearing it.

If I were able to testify in person tomorrow I would but I cannot be there. Please accept this written note in my stead.

Thank you,

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