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Chair, & Members, House HSS Committee

Ref: HB-54 / TERMINALLY ILL: ENDING LIFE OPTION

<u>I support HB-54</u> as a needed option for informed Alaskan patients who find themselves terminally ill and in need of respectful relief.

I definitely want to see this, or equivalent, language added to Alaska Statutes so that I would not have to travel "outside" (likely Oregon) to be able to receive the departure of my choice. I am also a supporter of strong supporter of *Hospice* as well as *Compassion & Choices* for end-of-life care.

I trust the details to my legislators in consultation with medical and palliative experts.

Respectfully,

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