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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter in support for Senate Bill 113 (Version W) "New Drugs for the Terminally Ill." I believe that this bill will help provide terminally ill patients greater access to new drugs that may potentially make a significant difference in their lives.

Sometimes in our practice, a patient may be in a situation where they have exhausted all available options, yet have not given up hope and want to try additional measures that may help them. Every other week, even just within my limited scope of cancer practice, there are new drugs being developed tested in early-phase clinical trials. The pace of biotechnology research and drug development has significantly accelerated in just the last few years, offering patients more options and hope for treatment.

I believe that Senate Bill 113 will help bring new scientific discoveries closer to patients whom need them, within the appropriate context and safeguards.

Sincerely,

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