

To: Vermont House of Representatives Committee on Human Services
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I am writing in support of this bill as an individual and I am not representing any organization or group which may be taking a position on H. 190 or S. 26

If I need medical care at Dartmouth Medical Center, I am not required to be a resident of New Hampshire. If I need treatment at Massachusetts General Hospital, I am not required to be a resident of Massachusetts. Moreover, even as a non-resident of those states, I am not required to demonstrate that the medical care I seek is not available in Vermont as its availability is irrelevant.

Simply put, there is no reason why someone who is not a resident of Vermont should not be allowed to seek the medical care associated with choosing to end one's life consistent with the reasons set forth in Vermont's patient choice at end of life laws from Vermont medical providers.

Thank you for your consideration of this very brief testimony and for your service.

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