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Make Your Voice Heard!
Also, NEW Vaccine Guidelines



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HB6425

An Act Concerning Aid in Dying for Terminally Ill Patients

On **Friday 26, 2021** the CT Public Health Committee will be hearing testimony on HB6425 - An Act Concerning Aid in Dying for Terminally Ill Patients.

Once again, the state legislature's Public Health Committee has introduced a bill that would authorize medical aid in dying as an option for terminally ill, mentally capable state residents and empower them to make end-of-life care decisions based on their unique culture, beliefs, and spiritual values.

By a 2-1 margin (63% vs. 31%), Connecticut voters currently support medical aid in dying, including a majority of Republicans, Democrats, independents, men, women, and all age groups, according to a **2015 Quinnipiac University poll**. The most recent Gallup poll, conducted in May 2020, shows 74% of Americans support medical aid in dying, a 6-point jump from the 68% support in the Gallup poll of May 2019.

The Connecticut bill is modeled after the **Oregon Death with Dignity Act**, which has been successfully implemented for more than 20 years. Medical aid in dying also is authorized in Washington, D.C., and eight other states: California, Colorado, Hawai'i, Maine, Montana, Oregon, Vermont, and Washington.

Do you have an opinion about this? Make your voice known!

How to submit testimony? How to testify? Please contact Jean Rexford by clicking **HERE**. Time is of the essence - the hearing is this upcoming **Friday, February 26th**.

Governor Lamont Issues NEW Vaccine Guidelines

Connecticut COVID-19 Vaccine Roll-Out

 **March 1, 2021:** Expands to ages 55 to 64

 **March 22, 2021:** Expands to ages 45 to 54

 **April 12, 2021:** Expands to ages 35 to 44

 **May 3, 2021:** Expands to ages 16 to 34



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