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Dear members of the Health and Human Services Committee. Thank you for accepting my testimony today. I am very much in favor of passing LD613. I am a retired dentist from the Farmington area. My wife is a retired school nurse practitioner. We have over 40 years each in the health care field.

We are now in our 80's & are now face to face with the realities of life. We know of what we speak. "Nobody is getting out olive" Among our family and friends who have passed, we have seen good peaceful deaths and also gut wrenching difficult painful deaths. Our biggest wish for ourselves is to die in our sleep, which is pretty unlikely. For most of us our reality will lie somewhere in having to make difficult choices. Among these choices are: Palliative care, Hospice care, and Death with Dignity. I feel strongly that we all deserve these choices be available to us.

LD 613 will place most of the decision making in the hands of the patient who is nearing an end of their life and their physician and their most immediate family members.

These decisions should not be made by lawyers, politicians, or religions, . The patient who is nearing the end of life should always have a choices.

Death is a part life. Out of respect for our fellow man, we should do what we can to give everyone a chance for the peaceful end to our lives that we all deserve.

Please be respectful of the most intimate aspects of end of life care and pass LD 613 into law. Sincerely, David and Joan