

Testimony in Support of SB 2226

Residential End-of-Life Facilities

House Human Services Committee

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Chairman Weisz and members of the House Human Services committee:

I am happy to offer written testimony in support of SB 2226, which will create and enact a new chapter of Century Code that establishes a new licensure for a residential end-of-life facility, licensed by the Health Department.

My lifelong passion has been real estate. I find deep pleasure in developing new communities in which homes are at the core as a home has a way of holding many life experiences and allowing for many memories to be made by those who live there.

Throughout my life I have had several experiences with friends and family receiving hospice care. To me the beauty of hospice care is when it can be offered in a person's life-long home, in which they are continually surrounded by their family and friends. However, I have also known people in which receiving hospice services in their home is not an option, and the only choice left for them is to be in a place that does not at all resemble a home to them.

Currently there is no other home option for people in the state in which their family can live with them as they can receive 24-hour end-of-life care. Therefore, I urge you to support passing SB 2226, creating a new option that will allow a homier choice for people, in which they can make final lasting memories with their loved ones.