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MINNESOTA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HEALTH AND FINANCE POLICY COMMITTEE

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Dear Minnesota House of Representatives Health and Finance Policy Committee,

I am writing in support of HF 1930. I have called Minnesota home for the past 18 years. My husband, a native Minnesotan, and I have chosen to root down and raise our family here.

When our oldest child was born, my mother moved from Oregon to Minnesota to be close to her first grandchild and support us as our family grew. She lived in Minnesota for 11 years before moving back to Oregon, primarily because Minnesota is so far behind in its policies related to compassionate end of life options due to the failure of bills not advancing in 2015, 2017, 2019 and 2021.

While my mother was a Minnesota resident, she was a contributor to the growth and progress of this state. She was a Reading Corps volunteer at the YWCA in downtown Minneapolis, a master gardener sharing her talents with health care non-profits and an active participant in the local arts community. I miss her living close and so do those she touched in her time here.

I have seen too many loved ones suffer in their final years here in Minnesota because they could not access medical aid in dying.

I urge you to support and move forward HF 1930 so Minnesotans can share the same rights as others in Oregon, Montana, Washington, California, Hawaii, New Mexico, Vermont and Maine.

Sincerely,

Heather Falsani