

June 10, 2019

**MetroWest
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**People with Disabilities
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Assisted Suicide Hearing

In spite of losing in a statewide election in 2012, the assisted suicide bill ([HB 1926](#) and [S1208](#)) has been resurrected. The new bill is called "The End-Of-Life Options Act", and has changed from the original ballot question. More protections have been added, but the disability community needs to determine whether these are adequate. At MWCIL, we still have concerns.

In MetroWest, some of our legislators have already signed on to the bill. On the surface, this initiative feels like it has more widespread support than the 2012 ballot question. In other words, if you have an opinion on this topic, please share it at the hearing!

When:

Tuesday, June 25 at 11 a.m.

Where:

Gardner Auditorium
State House
Boston
(Bowdoin Street entrance)

We hope that people with disabilities will testify at the hearing as we have a unique perspective on this issue. Oral testimony will probably be limited to 2 or 3 minutes, but anyone can provide written testimony.

Written testimony should be sent to the chairs of the Joint Committee on Public Health, Senator Jo Comerford and Representative John Mahoney.

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Sincerely,
Paul Spooner, Executive Director



John Kelly testifies against Assisted Suicide in 2012

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