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New York State Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal New York State Senate Legislative Office Building, Room 310 Albany, New York 12247

Dear Senator Holyman-Sigal,

We, the undersigned County Legislators of Tompkins County, New York, are writing in support of the Medical Aid in Dying Act, S2445/A0995A. We had a public meeting on this topic on October 16, 2023. Based on the information we have read and heard, we support the right of a person with a 6-month terminal diagnosis to make their own medical decisions, including the right to end their suffering under medical supervision, as outlined in the bill. We understand that some people feel that this bill opens up the possibility that an individual could be taken advantage of, but we also feel that the bill contains numerous safeguards to protect individuals from manipulation. The Medical Aid in Dying Act would result in a practical, dignified, and responsible end-of-life option for Tompkins County residents who find themselves in this situation.

Sincerely,

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