

## Agreement to Support HB 3074

CSHB 3074 is a negotiated compromise to correct a serious flaw in Texas law by requiring the continued provision of artificial nutrition and hydration (AANH) to a patient in the natural process of death. The bill as substituted includes five criteria that must be met to reflect that the provision of food and water is actually harmful to the patient. Current law provides no criteria for when and how a decision to remove artificially administered nutrition and hydration may occur. In addition, this compromise adds additional patient protections by ensuring that the time period for transfer does not start until the patient or surrogate receives a copy of the relevant portion of the patient's medical records.

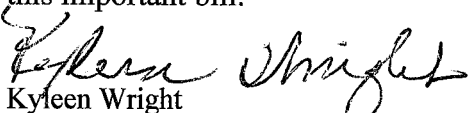
The changes that were negotiated into the bill after filing are as follows:


1. The ten day transfer period starts when you print out the state form for notice of the ethics committee decision AND when the patient gets the full medical record for the current hospital admission.
2. Section 5 (exception 2) will now read: *be medically contraindicated such that the provision of the treatment seriously exacerbates life-threatening medical problems not outweighed by the benefit of the provision of the treatment;*
3. Section 5 (exception 3) will now read: *result in substantial irremediable physical pain not outweighed by the benefit of the provision of the treatment;*
4. Section 5 (exception 4) will now read: *be medically ineffective in prolonging life; or*
5. Section 5 (exception 5) will now read: *be contrary to the patient's or surrogate's clearly documented desire not to receive artificially administered nutrition or hydration*
6. Non-substantive changes throughout to conform with the changes stated above.


By signing this document, we and our organizations agree to these changes and further agree to the following:

1. Our organization will fully support and work to pass CSHB 3074 in this form, with no additional requests for changes at any subsequent point in the legislative process.
2. Our organizations will reject any attempt to amend this bill at any point in the House or Senate.
3. If our organizations use this vote as a scorecard to rank legislators score votes, any score for CSHB 3074 will be a ranked as a positive score.
4. Any action alerts or public messaging about HB 3074 will be positive and reflect our organizations' continuing support of the bill and the unity of the pro-life community to passing HB 3074.

We appreciate the work that Representative Springer, Chairman Cook, Chairman Parker, Representative Hughes, Representative Frank, and Representative Klick, have done to bring unity to the pro-life community on this important bill.

  
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