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Testimony Supporting HB2004
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Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee.

I appreciate your time for allowing me to make this presentation. HB2004 is modeled on similar bills adopted in five states and in consideration by twenty others. It is a simple bill which gives very seriously ill patients with approval by their doctors the opportunity to try medications which have passed phase I of the FDA approval process access to investigational medications. The entire process of FDA approval can take 15 years and these patients do not have the luxury of time to wait. A drug approved in Europe, Japan or other developed country might extend their life span or, at least, lessen their misery. I urge a favorable vote by this committee.