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Nevada Based Coalition for Patient Rights Condemns the State Senate's Decision to Reject Ryan's Law as Cruel and Inhumane.

The Coalition for Patient Rights (CPR), the national voice for patients, heavily criticised the handful of members of the Nevada Health and Human Services Committee who threw out the chance of terminally ill patients in Nevada of getting compassionate access to relief at the end of life: Ryan's Law.

First enacted in California; Ryan's Law requires healthcare facilities to allow end of life patients to consume medical cannabis on the premises to ease their sickness and pain. There is extensive world-wide evidence of cannabinoid components being used to manage sickness and pain and this highly beneficial treatment is fast returning to the medical arsenal across America, just not nearly as fast for those suffering in Nevada.

Julie Monteiro, RN, BSK, a founder of the CPR in Nevada said:

"This is a particularly cruel decision that the Health and Human Services Committee has made. It will cause unnecessary pain and suffering to very sick people across the state."

Ryan's Law was passed by the full State Assembly on April the 13th, 2023 and sent to the Senate. The five person Senate Health and Human Services Committee met on Friday May 9th and rejected it despite an overwhelming 90% public opinion being In-Support of the bill.

Monteiro added:

"Medical cannabis is fully legal in Nevada, but what's crazy is that Nevadans do not have the right to use it when they are hospitalized or in some form of in-patient care, which is especially concerning for those who are at the end of life. Ryan's Law would give them that right, keep patients safe- consistent with their chosen continuum of care treatment options- while protecting our hospitals and medical providers from unnecessary enforcement actions. It's appalling that our elected officials are denying our sickest of that compassionate choice."

As the Assembly has eagerly passed Ryan's Law, the CPR is questioning why those members of the Health and Human Service Committee made a decision which clearly goes against the wishes of Nevadans- to have access to medical cannabis. CPR would like to question what role did the Insurance Industry and Hospitals play in this decision? After all, they are the only ones who would benefit from this decision.

The CPR intends to place Ryan's Law on the next state-wide ballot and campaign vigorously to ask the people of Nevada to pass it.

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