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I'm an RN who has worked in the non-profit sector providing end of life care for the past eleven years. The Hospice model of care provides excellent support to patients and families and I am honored to be part of a truly interdisciplinary team doing this work. Of recent years the many for-profit start ups and large corporations entering the Hospice field have focused on profit rather than patient care; it is heartbreaking to listen to stories of families affected by sub-par care. This Bill is supportive of established and effective Hospice agencies and will help prevent addition of unnecessary services focused more on profit than care. There is no downside; if an agency proves service need they will obtain a certificate and be permitted to proceed with their plan to establish, expand or relocate. Thank you for your public service and for supporting this Bill