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## Broad Support for Connecticut's Medical Aid in Dying Legislation

Findings from a recent survey among Likely 2022 Connecticut Voters

**To:** Interested Parties

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Research among likely 2022 general election voters in Connecticut<sup>1</sup> shows voters in the state are broadly and deeply supportive of medical aid in dying. More than three-fourths of voters say medical aid in dying should be a legal option, 77-18 percent support, with 58 percent of voters statewide saying they support it strongly. A slightly smaller 62-29 percent say they would want this option for themselves. Voters who have a disability also support medical aid in dying as a legal option broadly and strongly, 70-29 percent support (57 percent strongly).

When voters hear the specifics of the bill, support remains essentially unchanged, 75-21 percent support. As the chart below shows, support for the Connecticut bill stretches across all ideological and demographic lines, a rarity for a political issue. Democrats, younger voters and college-educated women lend the strongest support. Notably, traditionally tough audiences support the bill: Catholics support it 69-30 percent, Trump voters support it 68-30 percent and self-described conservatives support it 62-34 percent. Even voters who go to religious services once a week or more support the bill 53-42 percent.

### Support for Connecticut Medical Aid in Dying Legislation

|                             | Support - Oppose | Net        |
|-----------------------------|------------------|------------|
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>75 – 21</b>   | <b>+54</b> |
| <b>Democrats</b>            | 84 – 12          | +72        |
| <b>Independents</b>         | 74 – 20          | +54        |
| <b>Republicans</b>          | 64 – 34          | +30        |
| <b>Men</b>                  | 72 – 23          | +49        |
| <b>Women</b>                | 78 – 19          | +59        |
| <b>18 – 49</b>              | 80 – 15          | +65        |
| <b>50+</b>                  | 73 – 24          | +49        |
| <b>White</b>                | 77 – 19          | +58        |
| <b>People of Color</b>      | 72 – 26          | +46        |
| <b>College Educated</b>     | 79 – 19          | +60        |
| <b>Non-college Educated</b> | 72 – 23          | +49        |

<sup>1</sup> GQR conducted a survey among 550 likely 2022 general election voters in Connecticut from March 14 – 17, 2021. The margin of error is +/- 4.4 percent.

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|                                   | Support - Oppose | Net        |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------|
| <b>Total</b>                      | <b>75 – 21</b>   | <b>+54</b> |
| College men                       | 77 – 20          | +57        |
| Non-college men                   | 69 – 26          | +43        |
| College women                     | 80 – 18          | +62        |
| Non-college women                 | 75 – 20          | +55        |
| People with Disabilities          | 65 – 30          | +35        |
| Protestant                        | 70 – 21          | +49        |
| Roman Catholic                    | 69 – 30          | +39        |
| Total Christian                   | 68 – 27          | +41        |
| No religious affiliation          | 89 – 8           | +81        |
| Religious services weekly or more | 53 – 42          | +11        |