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**To: Interested Parties**

**Subject: Marylanders Support Legal Option for Terminally Ill Adults to Die Peacefully and on their Own Terms**

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A new Public Policy Polling survey finds that 66% of Maryland voters think the state of Maryland should allow mentally capable adults, who are dying of a terminal illness with no hope of recovery, to have the legal option to request a medication to bring about their own death. Only 20% say they do not think Maryland should allow for this choice, which is already legal in 7 other states and the District of Columbia.

Key findings from the survey include:

- The majority of independents (73%), Democrats, (70%), and Republicans (53%) think Maryland should allow terminally ill, mentally capable adults the option to die peacefully and on their own terms.
- Voters in every age group support the legal option for terminally ill adults to bring about their own death, including 67% of voters ages 18 to 29, 63% of voters ages 30-45, 67% of voters ages 46-65, and 67% of voters older than 65.
- A majority in every faith think Maryland should allow terminally ill, mentally capable adults to request medication to bring about their own death, including 65% of Catholic voters, 62% of Protestants, 67% of Jews, and 52% of Muslims.

Public Policy Polling surveyed 589 registered voters from February 6th to 7th. The margin of error is +/-4.0%. 73% of participants, selected through a list-based sample, responded via the phone, while 27% of respondents who did not have landline telephones but were cellphone users conducted the survey over the internet through an opt-in internet panel. The demographic variables have been weighted to reflect the voting electorate. This poll was conducted on behalf of Marylanders for End of Life Options.

