

## **MEDIA ADVISORY – MAY 10 PRESS CONFERENCE AND RALLY FOR AID IN DYING**

### **Legislators Announce Update on Aid in Dying; Joined by 100 Advocates**

**What:** Legislators and advocates for aid in dying hold press conference and rally to announce new development with aid-in-dying legislation.

[Compassion & Choices](#), the nation's largest non-profit organization committed to improving care and expanding choice at the end of life, leads a group of approximately 100 volunteers and advocates from across New York State for a day of advocacy in Albany to educate and inform elected officials and decision makers about proposed aid-in-dying legislation, which would authorize medical aid in dying for terminally ill New Yorkers.

**Why:** Legislators announce new development with aid-in-dying legislation; advocates want to make New York the next state to authorize the option of aid in dying.

Five states currently authorize the option of aid in dying. In New York, polling shows that [3 of 4 voters](#) across political and religious affiliations support access to aid in dying. New York's aid in dying legislation would allow mentally capable, terminally ill adults the option to request a prescription for life-ending medication that can be self-administered in order to reduce suffering at life's end.

**Who:** **Corinne Carey**, New York State Campaign Director for Compassion & Choices

**Susan Rahn**, terminally ill advocate, Rochester, NY

**Gene Hughes**, disability rights advocate, Utica, NY

**Reverend Doctor William Levering** , Senior Pastor, First Reformed Church,  
Schenectady, NY

*These speakers are available for interview upon request throughout May  
10.*

100 Volunteer-advocates from across the State of New York.

**When:**        **Tuesday, May 10 at 11:00am**

**Where:**        The Capitol

Stairway outside Senate chamber

Albany, New York