

Template Letter to the Editor Supporting Bill in State Senate Creating a State Palliative Care Council (Senate Bill 39)

Dear Editor,

I urge our state leaders to act on Senate Bill 39, a bipartisan measure that would create a Wisconsin Palliative Care Council to improve awareness and access to this essential service. As a palliative care provider and constituent of state Senator *[Insert Name of State Senator]*, please join me in reaching out to *[Insert him or her]* to request support for this legislation.

Too few people understand the vital role palliative care plays for the sickest and most vulnerable among us.

Palliative care is specialized medical care for people with serious illnesses, delivered by a team of physicians, nurses, and other professionals. Its goal is to relieve pain, symptoms, and stress while supporting families. Importantly, patients can receive palliative care alongside treatments aimed at curing their illness. This approach improves quality of life and reduces costly hospitalizations.

The Senate Health Committee has unanimously advanced Senate Bill 39, and the Assembly overwhelmingly approved its companion bill. Yet the full Senate has not voted. Nineteen other states—red and blue—have already established similar councils, and organizations like the American Cancer Society strongly support this legislation.

Creating a state council is a common-sense step that will help patients and families across Wisconsin. I encourage you to call state Senator *[Insert Last Name of State Senator]*'s Madison office at *[Insert State Senator's Office Number]* and ask that *[Insert he or she]* vote to pass Senate Bill 39 without delay.

Sincerely,
[Insert Name]
[Insert name of hometown]