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Subject: PAS SB 48 and SB 229

Dear Senators and Representatives on the Judiciary Committee,

The idea of Physician-assisted suicide has not come from the needs of your constituents. It has come to CT from groups like "Compassion and Choices" that have established it in Oregon and Washington where it is happening way too easily and is very unregulated. These people use verbal engineering to make this evil sound like a kindness for someone who is suffering.

If a person has a terminal illness and physical pain there are many ways to administer medication to control their pain. Their loved ones have an obligation but also a wonderful opportunity to quell their fears, be with them, find ways to comfort them, to grow in love for them.

Suicide has lasting effects on all those left behind. I know, having lived six decades of my life grieving for my father and lamenting how I failed to comfort him, and envisioning how much he would have loved his son-in-law and grandchildren and they him! And how about the script-writing doctor who once vowed to do no harm?

Please vote "no" for SB 48 and there is much truth in SB 229 which requires a penalty for someone assisting in another's suicide. Congrats to the author of SB 229! Thank you, Audrey Battista from Winsted, CT