

HB 6645

Hello, My name is Amy Hoeing and I live in Meriden, CT. I am writing to **oppose HB 6645, AN ACT CONCERNING COMPASSIONATE AID IN DYING FOR TERMINALLY ILL PATIENTS**. I have a degree in psychology and am the daughter of a psychiatrist who passed away last year at the age of 87, from Alzheimer's disease. When he was dying in the hospital we were directed to the palliative care team and I was concerned that they would recommend killing him "now" as opposed to waiting the few remaining days of his life for God to take him when he was ready. Being aware of the efforts in the medical community to save money and the devaluing of life that results, I felt extremely insecure leaving my father for extended periods of time in the hospital, where traditionally life would be protected. No price tag can be placed on the value of a life and that life should not be shortened by our society's desire to "help" people die. That is not up to us. Please help the dying with true palliative care measures that ease their pain and suffering and allow them to die a natural death.

Thank you for considering my testimony and please do not pass this bill HB 6645.