

My name is Larry Laureno from East Granby, Ct. I am writing to oppose HB 6645, An Act Concerning Compassionate Aid In Dying For Terminally Ill Patients.

I would want us as a state to put all the resources at our disposal to ease the pain and suffering that the terminally ill are experiencing showing our care and respect for their life rather than assisting in snuffing out their life. I also believe the passage of HB 6645 would inevitably cause an easing in the minds of many care givers and physicians the ideal of treating even the most vulnerable patients with the best possible means. We already have the spectre of less money for Medicare causing a selection group who decide who can get serious and expensive medical care and who can not with those over a certain age getting the short end of the stick. Add in HB 6645 and you have 2 enormous forces to change our culture from doing everything we can to help a person to disposing of the infirm.

Thank you for considering my testimony.