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Dear Senator Gerratana, Representative Johnson, Senator Slossberg, Representative Miller, Senator Welch, Representative Srinivasan, and all members of the Public Health Committee:

I am here to speak in opposition of bill 6645.

I am definitely opposed to assisted suicide. I spent four years as a trained Hospice Volunteer and one of the first things we learned was that if family members were saying anything that may be offensive to the patient, remind them that although the patient appears out of it, they hear and understand what they are talking about. I have heard families argue many times over how the assets would be handled. In my opinion, many times it was evident that the family didn't give a hoot about the patient and were only concerned about what they their benefits would be. I also had patients that were in Hospice care for long periods of time and then were declared better and removed from hospice. I had one patient that I read to for a couple of weeks and she wound up reading to me; she was then released from hospice care. I was taught that a patient that seemed out of it and appeared unconscious felt no pain or discomfort and nine times out of ten they heard everything that was said. If this bill passes out of committee; I firmly believe that people will be helped to die against their will. Let nature and God prepare one for death. Please do not pass this bill out of committee.

Sincerely,

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